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The poop on plastic trash

Or, everything you want to know about plastic packaging but were afraid to ask

Lauraine Leblanc
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EUREKA – Standing in a pile of trash in the Humboldt Bay Aquatic Center before a rapt audience, chemist Dr. Julie Layshock brought home her point: plastics are made to last forever, but designed to be disposable.

Layshock holds a doctorate in environmental toxicology and is an analytical chemist with a strong interest in plastics. She currently teaches at Humboldt State and is a board member of Zero Waste Humboldt (ZWH).



PLASTICS Dr. Julie Layshock gave a talk about plastics, most of which end up in the landfill even though you think they're being recycled. PHOTO BY KELLY BRANNON

Last week, she delivered a presentation that began with the science of plastics but ended with a plethora of solutions that can be implemented at the individual, business and community level to eliminate the waste of plastic packaging. Her presentation, "Cleaning Up the Confusion About Plastics," was part of ZWH's Zero Waste Solutions Speakers Series.

Before the start of the talk, the Free Radicals, a group of HSU Chemistry Club students, asked attendees to toss plastic trash into one of three bags marked "recycle," "compost" and "trash." Layshock then sorted all the items based on their chemical composition. Plastics not identified by a number immediately went into the trash pile, as they would at a sorting facility. Likewise, soft plastics and styrofoam, along with mixed materials such as plastic-coated cardboard food and beverage containers and Tetra packs went into the trash.

Plastics for which there is a market were sorted into the recycle pile. Layshock gave "compostable" plastic

PLASTICS ❖ A6

New sea level alert

Humboldt Bay has highest rate in state

Paul Mann
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ARCATA – Global sea levels are climbing at a rate faster than at any time in nearly 3,000 years, fueled primarily by human generation of greenhouse gases, according to a

new report published by the National Academy of Sciences.

The breakthrough reinforces research here showing that Humboldt Bay has the highest rate of sea level rise in all of California, 18.6 inches per century (*Union*, March 4, 2015).

The latest findings derive from the creation of an unprecedented global data base by international scientists. It combines regional sea level reconstructions from 24 localities to provide the first worldwide statistical picture of ocean warming.

It is "extremely likely" that 20th SEA LEVELS ❖ A4



COMMUNITY SPIRIT All over Humboldt County, people were getting things done and helping their communities this weekend. Top, members of McKinleyville Community Watch filled dumpsters with trash, cleaning up homeless campsites and trails around McKinleyville. Left, Ally Bemis and Clara Nilsen, and middle, Caleb Robinson joined volunteers at the Hiller Sports Complex in McKinleyville to fill in gopher holes and prepare the fields for the upcoming sports season. Right, Daniel Bixler and John Gullam help raise money for a new and improved Greenview Park in Arcata. TOP PHOTO COURTESY MCKINLEYVILLE COMMUNITY WATCH. BOTTOM THREE PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

❖ **FIELDBROOK DOUBLE MURDER**

Holmquist dissects Arreaga acquittal

Paul Mann
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EUREKA – Deputy Public Defender Heidi Holmquist says multiple factors led a retrial jury to exonerate her client, Jason Michael Arreaga, of a double murder in Fieldbrook in September 2014.

But what clinched the Feb. 23 not guilty verdict on all charges was the jurors' conclusion that Arreaga's main accuser, Shavonne Hammers, was the probable killer, Holmquist said.

In a post-verdict interview late last week at her Eureka office, the deputy public defender related, "I spoke with about four jurors afterward. They felt strongly about Shavonne, they really did, and in a way that the first jury didn't necessarily feel about her. I think they were very able to see that

she was a big player in this."

The nine-woman, three-man jury vindicated Holmquist's main argument in both trials: Eureka couple Harley Hammers Jr. and Angel Robin Tully, both 37, were murdered by Hammers' estranged wife Shavonne just outside a run-down travel trailer in a Fieldbrook driveway.

As Holmquist asked jurors to consider in her closing remarks, "Are you sure beyond a reasonable doubt that Shavonne Hammers did not pull the trigger?"

According to testimony, Shavonne Hammers, ARREAGA ❖ A4



Heidi Holmquist

Bayside hellhole to be bought, cleaned up

Daniel Mintz
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BAYSIDE – A high profile nuisance case in the Bayside area is approaching resolution with the imminent sale of a property that has drawn numerous complaints.

At its Feb. 23 meeting, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors approved a clean-up and nuisance abatement order for 370 Indianola Rd. in Bayside, which lies between Indianola Road and the Indianola Cutoff.

Jeff Conner of the county's Code

Enforcement Unit told supervisors that nuisance conditions related to masses of solid waste, trailers being used as residences and junk vehicles have been ongoing since April 2013, when the situation was referred by the county Department of Environmental Health.

Conner said the number of trailers on the property went up and down over time and solid waste issues continued. Eventually, the situation was linked to the absence of the property's owner and the ac-

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MURALS PAST AND PERHAPS FUTURE The 1991-vintage mural created by “Kurt M.” at Arcata Bay Storage is still there, but is now only visible from the enclosed Arcata Bay Crossing courtyard at left. The obscuring and not-so-beautiful wall at middle right is all that’s visible from Samoa Boulevard, so the city is looking at painting it with a new, \$40,000 environmentally-oriented mural, a conceptual drawing of which is below right.

TOP AND LEFT PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION; BELOW RIGHT IMAGES VIA CITY OF ARCATA



City asked to cover \$10,000 of cost for new, \$40,000 mural at Arcata’s southern gateway

Kevin L. Hoover
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ARCATA – When the new Arcata Bay Crossing (ABC) apartment complex opened at 280 E St. in September 2015, about 40 people, many with mental health and other issues were taken off the streets, thanks to its 32 supportive housing units.

Something was lost in the process, though – the view from Samoa Boulevard of a 1991 mural by an artist who signed the piece “Kurt M.,” which depicts the “Union Plankwalk & Railroad

Company 1854,” that adorned the side of Arcata Bay Storage.

Not only was the mural blocked by the apartment building, but that mostly blank building forms what a staff report for this week’s Arcata City Council meeting calls an “unattractive wall” along Arcata’s southern gateway.

Now, according to the staff report, a group of unidentified “interested partners” have met to discuss a solution. The staff reports that the group worked with an unidentified local muralist to create a “concept rendering” for a mural

that would be painted on the wall.

The mural and a budget for it were reportedly brought before the Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) grantmakers group for possible funding by the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) Endangered Species grant fund.

What resulted was a Marbled Murrelet-themed mural design, to which the CBD has committed \$10,000. “HAF has expressed definite interest, and plans to contribute, but wants to see the city make a financial contribution to this project as well,” states the

staff report.

Costs are estimated as follows:

- Paint, high quality, outdoor 50 gallons at \$100/gallon, \$5,000
- Scaffolding/ladder rental, \$1,875
- Insurance, \$1,800
- Design, \$2,000
- Mural Painting, 500 hours at \$43 per hour, \$21,500
- Assistant, 400 hours at \$20 per hour, \$8,000

The mural’s size is 5,600 square foot, while the bid is for \$7.15 per square foot. According to the staff report, typical murals cost from

\$20 to \$40 per square foot.

With a total mural cost estimated at \$40,000, the city is being asked to provide \$10,000 from the City General Fund to provide a local match for the project. The funds would only be released if Humboldt Housing, which operates ABC, receives grant funds to complete the project.

The matter will be considered during an Old Business agenda item covering mid-year appropriations at tonight’s council meeting, which begins at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 736 F. St.

Council authorizes traffic study to foresee impacts of multiple new housing projects

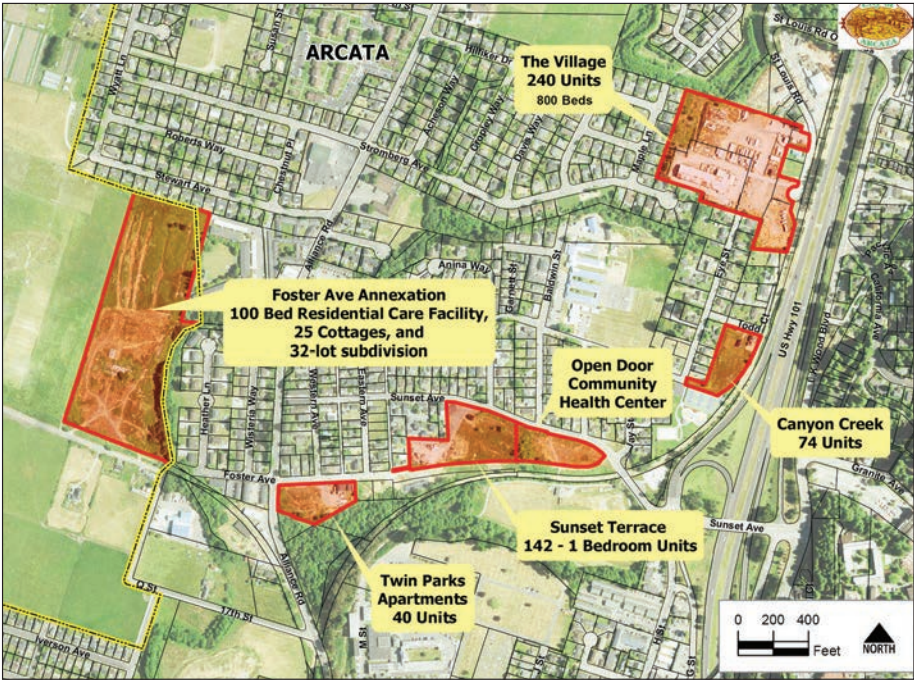
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ARCATA – At its last meeting, the Arcata City Council awarded a contract for a traffic study in anticipation of the expected housing boom in the Sunset, Foster and Alliance neighborhoods (Union, Feb. 3).

The \$43,000 contract – with options to increase it to \$49,200 – was given to W-Trans Traffic Consulting Engineering of Santa Rosa. Some of that cost will be recouped by charging developers of the housing projects whose impacts the study will analyze.

The projects expected to alter circulation are the 240-unit The Village; 74-unit Canyon Creek; 142-unit Sunset Terrace; Open Door Community Health Center (non-housing); 140-unit Twin Peaks Apartments; 157-unit Foster Avenue Apartments and Danco’s Creekside subdivision, with 25 cottages, 32 residential parcels and a 100-bed residential care facility.

The study will focus on a number of intersections likely to be stressed by the increased use the projects would create. Those are the St. Louis Road/U.S. Highway 101 overpass; the L.K. Wood Boulevard/U.S. High-



MULTIPLE HOUSING PROJECTS Close to 1,000 housing units are being planned with a combination of dedicated student housing, apartment complexes and subdivisions.

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way 101 overpass; Sunset Avenue at L.K. Wood Boulevard; Sunset Avenue/U.S. Highway 101 northbound ramps; Sunset Avenue/U.S. Highway 101 southbound ramps at G and H streets; Sunset Avenue/Foster Avenue-Jay Street; and Foster Avenue/

Alliance Road. The study will involve site visits and data collection, an evaluation of existing conditions, projections of future traffic and vehicular use; pedestrian, bicycle and transit use; and will culminate in a report and presentation to the city.

Mid-year budget add-ons initiate several projects

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ARCATA – The Arcata City Council is poised to adopt a mid-year budget resolution tonight that will include funding for several new projects around town.

According to a staff report, Resolution No. 156-42 would amend the city’s annual budget to:

- Appropriate \$10,000 of General Funds to assist with the development of a mural on Housing Humboldt’s Arcata Bay Crossing (see story, above);
- Appropriate \$35,000 of General Funds to develop the Mobile Home Park Affordability Strategy;
- Appropriate an additional \$45,000 to hire a consultant to develop construction plans and budget for Phase II of Ball Park improvements;
- Appropriate an additional \$18,416 for the purchase of a K-9 handler protection dog and to provide training for the new K-9 handler;
- Accept grant funds to add APD administrative assistants.

On Dec. 9, 2015, the City Council directed staff to see what is involved with developing a mobile home rent control strategy. City staff proposes a combination of in-house staffing and consultants to prepare the studies and the instruments necessary to complete the strategy.

The council may also appropriate \$45,000 to hire a consultant to develop construction plans and budget for Phase II of Ball Park improvements. These improvements include stadium seating renovation, façade improvements, field protective measures, and ADA improvements to allow additional year-round events. These improvements will be funded by monies accumulated from field rentals which are held in a separate city trust account.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. (see page A2).

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Sentenced for money laundering scheme

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MEDFORD, Ore. — Former McKinleyville resident and Arcata Plaza hot dog vendor Jonathan Robert Quaccia was sentenced on Feb. 17 to two years in federal prison for conspiracy to commit money laundering.
U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken ordered the defendant to serve three years of supervised release upon his discharge from prison term and complete 500 hours of community service.
The money laundering was related to Humboldt County's No. 1 cash crop, marijuana.
“From 2012 to December 2014, [the] defendant shipped marijuana from California to New York and Georgia for sale,” states a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Oregon. “Deposits of the proceeds from the marijuana sales were made in New York and Georgia into bank accounts held by Southern Oregon residents. The Oregon residents were recruited by Quaccia and co-defen-

dant Matthew Correa. Those individuals then withdrew the marijuana proceeds from the Oregon bank accounts and gave the money to Correa, who delivered the money to Quaccia in California.”
“This scheme was designed to promote the manufacture and distribution of marijuana and to conceal the nature, source and ownership of the marijuana proceeds,” the press release states. “The amounts deposited and withdrawn were kept under \$10,000 to avoid detection. Bank records show \$2.2 million in marijuana proceeds were deposited in New York and Georgia, and \$2,075,000 withdrawn in Oregon in at least 262 transactions.”
Quaccia was residing in McKinleyville during the time of the offense. He has no previous criminal history.
The case was investigated jointly by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas W. Fong.

A simmering sidewalk stew of stoned and sloshed slumpabouts

• **Tuesday, February 9 6:08 p.m.** Brash, brassy youths playing a saxophone on a Bayside Road rooftop brought forces of justice, who found the area if anything, underjazzed and silent.
• **Wednesday, February 10 12:41 p.m.** A citizen called admitting to being “paranoid” and “obsessing” about a little girl and a dog who frequent an I Street location. The caller checks on the two constantly, and has spoken with the mother. Also, there are a lot of lighters being left in the gutter, and the citizen was unclear on what to do with them.
• **2:24 p.m.** An unleashed dog bit a leashed dog in Redwood Park, drawing blood. The irresponsible owner was cited.
• **Thursday, February 11 6:28 a.m.** A man with a sleeping bag refused to leave an H Street business' porch, claiming he had a “federal court order” to lounge about there for two months. When police came, he was gone.
• **2:20 p.m.** Decorum took a dip outside a Valley West golden arches, when a half-dozen or more unsightly slumgillions formed a simmering sidewalk stew of stoned and sloshed slumpabouts, drinking, smoking and sprawling on the sidewalk.
• **11:16 p.m.** “He cussed me out and walked away,” a woman reported by phone, and then hung up. On call back, she refused to provide details and admonished the dispatcher not to call any more.
• **Friday, February 12 9:07 a.m.** An Eighth Street business found its

back window smashed in. A brick and some blood were found at the scene.
• **1:15 p.m.** A man in an old, gold sedan was confronted while taking pictures of the houses in Benjamin Court. He muttered something about being a “housing inspector,” but quickly got into his disreputable-mobile and took off, his inspections apparently complete.
• **Saturday, February 13 3 a.m.** If you must argue about cocaine, be sure and do so on the balcony of an L Street apartment in the middle of the night, since that's almost as eye-opening for neighbors as a noseful of blow would be at this hour.
• **3:54 p.m.** A pink-hatted woman carrying a laptop and screwdrivers was seen peering into windows at an Alliance Road apartment building, which neighbors considered suspicious. She soon scampered, jettisoning the screwdrivers in her haste.
• **Valentine's Day 1:49 a.m.** It was hard to tell what the menfolk near a goat-optimized I Street tavern were yelling about, and whether it was “fighting yelling” or “partying yelling.” When police arrived, all was tranquil.
• **5:35 a.m.** A Hidden Creek Road apartment dweller was slumbering in his downstairs apartment with lights and music on (and the door unlocked), when cold air on his face awakened him. He then heard people running out of the place, and a quick inventory of his possessions turned up a missing iPad and cell phone.
• **9:58 p.m.** So royally disenchanted with their fellow citizens were the occupants of a white Ford King Cab

traveling southbound on L.K. Wood Boulevard that they not only lashed passersby with obscenities, but pummeled them with eggs.
• **Monday, February 15 12:22 a.m.** A short, fat old dude with gray and white hair and beard tried to pass a “fictitious” \$50 bill at an Alliance Road stop 'n' rob, then left the store in such a big hurry that he failed to remove the gas pump nozzle from his vehicle. This sloshed gas around the parking lot, but it was contained and cleaned up.
• **3:15 p.m.** “Erratic honking” marred Union Street's normal peaceful soundscape for a time.
• **5:16 p.m.** A neighbor reported sketchy doings at an 18th Street address, where a vehicle comes and goes quickly at odd hours. The caller surmised that illicit activity is occurring there, with items being sold without paying taxes and other fees. The caller wanted the matter brought to the attention of the “drug bureau.”
• **Tuesday, February 16 8:30 a.m.** Two animal issues inspired a 13th Street resident's complaint about a neighbor: loose dogs and “chicken neglect.”
• **12:54 p.m.** Burly lodgers did depart a Valley West no-tell motel as scheduled, but left their aggressive dogs cooped up in the room.
• **5:05 p.m.** A 10th Street resident reported receipt of one of those “keep the rest” checks, in which a bogus bank draft is offered for cashing, for just a small portion of the proceeds. This instance of the scam came with a twist, with the scammer offering to “send over her movers” to pick up the check. The resident was game for setting up a meeting to lure the scammers into a trap.

McK woman dies after car crashes into oak tree

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WILLOW CREEK — A 34-year-old McKinleyville woman died on Saturday morning, Feb. 27, after her car went off the road and slammed into an oak tree in Eastern Humboldt County.
At about 8 a.m., Stormy Joy McConnell of McKinleyville was driving her silver 2000 Nissan Frontier southbound on State Route 96, north of Trinity Valley Farm (Mile Marker 3), at an unknown speed.
Toni Rae Peters, 46, of Crescent City was properly restrained in the front passenger seat; a 9-year-old boy from McKinleyville was seated in the rear passenger area.
For unknown reasons, McConnell lost control of her vehicle, drifting in an easterly direction, and crossing the northbound lane of the highway. The Nissan then traversed over the roadway edge and down the hillside where it collided with an oak tree. It was daylight, cloudy and the roadway was wet from earlier rains, although it was not raining at the time of collision.
Emergency personnel from the Willow Creek Volunteer Fire Department, Salyer Fire Department and Hoopa Ambulance responded to the scene to provide emergency medical care.
McConnell was pronounced deceased at the scene. Peters and the boy were transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata with moderate to major injuries.
It does not appear impairment was a factor in the incident. However, the California Highway Patrol continues to investigate the collision.

Arrested for lewd behavior

HUMBOLDT STATE
HUMBOLDT STATE — University Police Officers arrested Justin F. Patrick, of Oakland for alleged lewd behavior in the University Library on Friday, Feb. 26.
Patrick approached a woman seated at a table on the second floor of the library and stood looking over her shoulder and touching his genitals through his clothing while talking to her. His behavior made her feel threatened and he ignored her repeated requests that he leave her alone. Patrick was transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility on misdemeanor charges. Patrick could face felony charges if a subsequent background check returns prior arrests of the same nature.



Justin F. Patrick

Little McK vandals caught

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DOW'S PRAIRIE — On Monday, Feb. 22, the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office responded to Dow's Prairie Elementary School in McKinleyville for a report of a vandalism that occurred over the weekend.
The suspects entered a classroom and wrote profanity on the walls, placed dish soap on the floor and damaged classroom equipment. A witness came forward and told deputies they heard a disturbance from that classroom and took pictures of two juveniles leaving the campus near the vandalized classroom.
The juveniles were later identified and the investigating deputy sheriff contacted the juveniles' parents and notified them about the criminal investigation.
The school administration and the parents of the juveniles will attempt to work out restitution between each other. If an agreement cannot be made, this case will be referred to Juvenile Probation for prosecution.

Scammers use texting

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HUMBOLDT — Chase Bank customers should be aware of scammers using text messages to lure their victims.
A Mad River Union employee, who has an account with Chase, received a text message Feb. 22 from a phone number with the area code 714. The text “alerted” her to some sort of issue with her account.
When she called the number, an automated female voice that sounded like the same voice as the actual Chase automated voice told her there was a security risk and asked her to input her card number.
Smelling something fishy, she hung up, called the toll-free number on her Chase card, and asked the helpful employee what was up. Surprise, surprise, scam!

False alarm at Bracut Industrial

ARCATA FIRE DISTRICT
ARCATA — Shortly after 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, the Arcata Fire District was dispatched to a possible hazardous material incident at the Bracut Industrial Park off of U.S. Highway 101.
Initial reports stated that employees could smell fumes coming from a nearby building and complained of feeling sick and nauseated.
Arcata fire crews arrived on scene and the first two engine crews immediately evacuated the building. A third Arcata engine crew worked with Hazmat personnel from Humboldt Bay Fire to develop a plan to make entry into the building. After crews entered the building, it was discovered that the building was being used for auto body restoration. It was reported by the tenant that he had sprayed a vehicle in the building earlier this morning.
Although an ambulance was called to the scene, no injuries were reported.

Coasties pluck stranded surfers from Camel Rock

U.S. COAST GUARD
TRINIDAD — A U.S. Coast Guard aircrew rescued two distressed surfers near Trinidad on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27.
At approximately 4:30 p.m., watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Humboldt Bay in McKinleyville received a call from a person ashore stating that his friends needed assistance and were stranded on Camel Rock.
A Coast Guard MH-65 helicopter aircrew was launched from Sector Humboldt Bay and within minutes were on scene at Camel Rock, approximately one-quarter mile offshore. They discovered two distressed surfers needing assistance. The rescue swimmer was lowered to the surfers to determine their condition.
Once initial assessments were complete, the surfers were hoisted to the helicopter and brought ashore to awaiting EMS at the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport in stable condition.
“This was a great case highlighting the value of using crew resource management with a total team effort,” said Lt. Cmdr. Karyn Forsyth, aircraft commander, Sector Humboldt Bay. “Our challenging training program at Sector Humboldt Bay made our crew more confident that we could safely accomplish the demanding hoisting evolutions.”



ASCENDING TO SAFETY A surfer is hoisted up into the safety of a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter Saturday above Camel Rock. SCREEN SHOT FROM U.S. COAST GUARD VIDEO

Man busted with baggies of weed in Fieldbrook

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HUMBOLDT — On Wednesday, Feb. 24 at approximately 9:24 p.m., Humboldt County Sheriff's Office deputies observed a vehicle, with its license plate light not working, pass their location. Deputies pulled the vehicle over and contacted the driver, 30-year-old Kaleb Severe of Fieldbrook. It was discovered that Severe had a suspended driver's license.
Deputies could smell an overwhelming odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and could see mar-



Kaleb Severe

ijuana bud in the back seat.
A search of the vehicle revealed about nine pounds of processed marijuana bud. Severe was arrested on suspicion of possession of marijuana, transportation of marijuana for sales, and driving on a suspended license. He was taken to the Humboldt County Correctional



NAUGHTY NUGS Baggies of cannabis. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Facility where he was booked on the above charges. Severe's bail was set at \$75,000.

Supes highlight infrastructure issues

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Humboldt County’s proclamation of Engineers Week has emphasized the importance of public infrastructure and raising awareness of the issues that challenge it.

At its Feb. 23 meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved the proclamation, which states that “America’s engineers transform ideas into reality, solving problems using science and technology to produce services and systems to better serve the needs of society.”

But how well those needs are being served continues to be a pressing issue explored by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a non-profit professional organization that has released Infrastructure Report Cards for the nation, the state and counties.

Cameron Muir, a City of Eureka GIS analyst and engineering technician who is also an officer of the ASCE’s North Coast branch, announced that a report card for Humboldt’s drinking water infrastructure

will be released in late March.

A 2014 report card for the county’s roads and bridges gave roads a grade of D-plus and bridges a C-minus. A third and final ASCE branch report card will assess the condition of the county’s wastewater systems, levies and dams.

Muir emphasized the value of assessing infrastructure and lobbying for funding to improve it. “One of the most major parts of this report card is getting funding for communities,” he said. “So when a bad grade comes out, it’s to show that we need the funds to allocate to those areas, to fix those areas.”

Muir said members of his group will be trained on how to effectively lobby for funding. Supervisor Virginia Bass said the same knowledge is important for county officials.

County Public Works Director Tom Mattson said report card assessments and the work of engineers cover some of the most important areas that define quality of life.

“Engineers cross a variety of spectrums,”

he said, adding that water and wastewater systems comprise “one of the biggest public health improvements the world has ever seen.”

Board Chair Mark Lovelace said that there is little debate about the role of government in building and maintaining public infrastructure, which “everybody benefits from.”

During a public comment session, Blue Lake resident Kent Sawatsky said that the importance of infrastructure is not being reflected in spending.

“That’s why our nation is rapidly falling behind the rest of the world – it’s because we’re not putting money into our infrastructure, it’s crumbling very rapidly, as we’re finding in Humboldt County with regard to our roads,” he said.

That is backed up by the ASCE’s report cards. In a 2013 report card, infrastructure in the U.S. got an overall grade of D-plus, with a \$3.6 trillion investment in improvements needed by 2020.

In 2012, the State of California earned a lackluster C grade for its infrastructure.

COMPOSTING RULES Over the last decade or so, Humboldt County has become a hotbed for the manufacturing of garden and agricultural soil products. People in the business of producing compost, or creating soil products or fertilizers by mixing materials such as compost, manures, agricultural waste or products, green material, food waste or other ingredients that tend to heat up during mixing, may be subject to state solid waste regulations. Activities that involve more than 100 cubic yards total of feedstock and compost, or the use of biosolids (sewage sludge) require authorization from the Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Environmental Health’s Local Enforcement Agency (LEA). Revised California compostable materials handling regulations went into effect on Jan. 1 and can be accessed at humboldt.gov/686/Solid-Waste-Local-Enforcement-Agency in the “Quick Links” panel. For information, contact LEA Program Senior Harriet Hill at (707) 445-6215 or hhill@co.humboldt.ca.us.

Plastic | Most goes into landfill

❖ FROM A1

cups a chance, placing them in the recycle pile as well because the ones she had were marked with a “4.”

The sole occupant of the compost pile was a strip of torn cardboard that had been ripped from a piece of tape (which was tossed in the trash pile); it would be compostable in your backyard.

While attendees had pretty evenly divided the refuse into three categories, Layshock would end up with a large pile of trash, a small pile of recyclables and that sad, lone piece of cardboard to compost.

In an hour-long presentation, Layshock busted myths about plastic; here are some of them, gleaned from her talk:

Myth no. 1: Some plastics are better than others.

Plastic is plastic is plastic. Layshock frontloaded her presentation with the basic science of plastics, discussing the transformation of monomers – or base materials – into polymers, that is, plastics. Most plastics, Layshock said, are made of monomers derived from petroleum, a nonrenewable resource.

Other plastics, usually called bioplastics, are made from renewable sources, food crop plants such as corn and sugar canes. A third category of plastics, such as Coca Cola’s PlantBottle, combine both. But regardless of their source, Layshock pointed out, all plastics are created equal.

At a chemical level, the source of the monomer makes no impact on the recyclability of plastics.

Myth no. 2: Bioplastics are a greener alternative.

While bioplastics are often marketed as such, Layshock pointed out that they were developed in response to projected shortages in petroleum, not from environmental concerns on the part of plastics manufacturers. Furthermore, while plastics contain fillers, flame retardants, antimicrobial agents, plasticizers and pigments, Layshock pointed out that bioplastics may even contain more of these additives than their petroleum-based siblings.

Consumers may view bioplastics as a greener alternative and, as one audience member pointed out, manufacturers charge a premium for them. But, cautioned Layshock, what appears to be green may not be, referring audience members to the Federal Trade Commission’s Green Guides (ftc.gov/news-events/media-resources/truth-advertising/green-guides) for documentation of deceptive advertising by manufacturers.

Bioplastics may be greener to manufacture in the beginning, but at the end of their useful lives, they are just plastic.

Myth no. 3: Plastic marked with the “chasing arrows” symbol is recyclable.

Plastics differ in their chemical composition. Most plastic packaging is marked with a Resin Identification Code, the “chasing arrows” symbol around a number, one through seven, that indicates the chemical composition of the plastic (see table at right). The chasing arrows symbol, now associated in the public imagination with recyclability, was introduced in 1988 by SPI (Society of the Plastics Industry), the main plastics industry trade association, to identify the chemical composition of the plastic, simply to make plastics easier to sort by type, said Layshock.

She pointed out that ASTM International (an international standards organization formerly known as the American Society for Testing Materials) introduced a less-deceptive symbology, but it has yet to be adopted. Plastics marked “6,” for example, are PS (polystyrene, aka styrofoam) and are actually contaminants in the recycling stream, Layshock pointed out, yet they still carry the chasing arrows symbol.

The symbol is no assurance of actual recyclability.






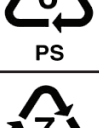

Myth no. 4: Plastics put in the recycling bin are recycled.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), only five to eight percent of post-consumer plastics are recycled, said Layshock. In Humboldt County, a plastic bottle that is tossed into a recycling bin must first be collected, usually picked up by a truck and brought to a local facility, then trucked further to Willits. There, plastics are sorted by type, using the number code stamped on them. Unnumbered plastics are tossed in the trash. Like plastics are baled, washed and crushed, then trucked to the Los Angeles area, where they are then shipped off to China, if there is a buyer for them. If there is no buyer, the plastic is landfill.

So, from 92 to 98 percent of all plastic packaging winds up in the trash, regardless of whether it was placed there by the consumer or by the sorter.

Myth no. 5: Plastic film returned to the place of purchase gets recycled.

According to Layshock, plastic film, such as plastic bags, bubble wrap and cling film are not recycled and, in fact, are treated as contaminants in the recycling process. When tossed in with the recycling, plastic film clogs up machines, causing malfunctions and contaminating the resins.

RESIN IDENTIFICATION CODE	CHEMICAL COMPOSITION	WHAT PACKAGING IT’S USED FOR
 1 PETE	polyethylene terephthalate (PET or PETE)	soft drink bottles, cups, other packaging
 2 HDPE	high-density polyethylene (HDPE or PE-HD)	bottles, grocery bags, cups, milk jugs
 3 V	polyvinyl chloride (PVC or V)	non-food bottles
 4 LDPE	low-density polyethylene (LDPE or PE-LD)	plastic bags, six-pack rings, squeeze bottles, tubing
 5 PP	polypropylene (PP)	food containers, dishware
 6 PS	polystyrene (PS)	plastic utensils, Styrofoam, packaging peanuts, clamshell containers
 7 OTHER	other plastics (acrylic, nylon, polycarbonate and polylactic acid, bioplastics)	all of the above

Don’t put it in the recycling bin, said Layshock. It’s all trash.

Myth no. 6: Plastic-coated paper food packaging is a better option.

Cardboard take-out boxes and paper coffee cups are lined with plastic to prevent oils and liquids from seeping through. When paper is combined with plastic, Layshock pointed out, not only is it not recyclable, it is actually considered a contaminant in the waste stream. Likewise, Tetra packs, in which many soy milks, nut milks, soups and coconut water are packaged, are lined with metal. These materials cannot be separated from each other in the recycling process, said Layshock, and are trash.

Being kraft brown or printed with green eco-groovy graphics does not make them more recyclable.

Myth no. 7: If a plastic bottle is recycled, it comes back as another bottle.

In the best-case scenario, a plastic bottle may end up being recycled into a fleece hoodie or a park bench, said Layshock, but never into another bottle, as the plastic has degraded through contamination and processing.

Even in this best-case scenario, an enormous amount of labor, energy and carbon has gone into producing the tiny percentage of plastics that make it to the end stage of recycling.

Myth no. 8: Biodegradable plastics are a better alternative.

“Biodegradable” simply means that a compound can be broken down by some microbe somewhere, said Layshock, but does not specify under which conditions or in what time frame. It does not necessarily mean that these conditions are currently available, nor that they ever will be. Nor does that designation indicate whether what that plastic biodegrades into is benign or beneficial to the environment.

A plastic bottle designed to biodegrade under the right conditions won’t do so in the cold salty ocean, she pointed out.

Myth no. 9: Compostable plastics are the solution.

“Compostable” means that a plastic is biodegradable to humus under specific conditions, said Layshock, which usually means that they are compostable in industrial facilities, not in a backyard composter. Currently, Layshock pointed out, the closest industrial composter is Cold Creek Compost Inc., some 200 miles away in Ukiah. And even if compostable plastics were to find their way there, said Layshock, there

is little incentive for industrial composters to accept such plastics, as they don’t break down into anything usable in the humus.

Don’t put that cool compostable plastic cup in your backyard composter; it will just sit there. Don’t even put it in the recycling, said Layshock, as most fall under the “7” category and are actually contaminants. Save the workers down the line the trouble, and put it straight into the trash.

Myth no. 10: Plastics should just be put into the trash.

The solution is not found at the end of the consumer process, Layshock pointed out, but at the beginning. Her proposed solution is to avoid disposable plastics altogether. Use your purchasing power, Layshock urged attendees, to make the point against plastic packaging.

Buy in bulk. Bring your own containers for leftovers when eating out. Eat seasonally and locally to avoid consuming items packaged to preserve freshness. Make your own beauty products.

And if you must buy something packaged in plastic, at least make sure you pick plastic for which there is a market.

Myth no. 11: Manufacturers, especially food producers, have to use plastic packaging.

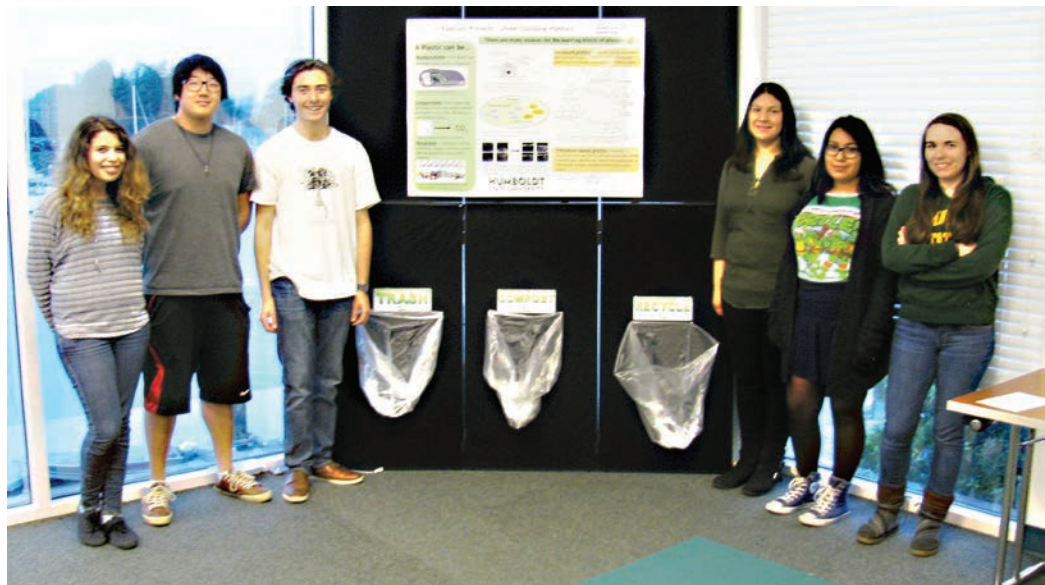
Layshock advised producers of food or other goods to consider alternatives to plastic packaging, such as collecting and reusing their packaging, or to use backyard compostable materials such as bagasse, bamboo and plant starches as the basis of their packaging. These materials are currently available, she pointed out, but producers have to seek them out.

Myth no. 12: There’s not a lot the community can do about plastic packaging.

On the community level, Layshock advocated local sorting of plastics to further facilitate local recycling, citing the example of Fire & Light’s local glass recycling as a model. Support community composting and digesting facilities. Stimulate community cooperation. Establish and use local recycling and reuse projects such as ROSE and SCRAP Humboldt.

And, finally, she added, attend the Arcata City Council meeting today, March 2 at 6 p.m. to support efforts to bring recycling sorting facilities to Arcata. Find the agenda at cityofarcata.org.

See the video of Layshock’s presentation through at zerowastehumboldt.org. Read more from Layshock at ournec.org/econews/zwh/junjul2015.



TRASH TALKING The Free Radicals, HSU Chemistry Club students Diana Sehawneh, Justin Kwon, Jordan Jacobs, Nahomi Rodriguez, Kimberly Montoya and Kayla Templeton, displayed an informative poster of their devising and asked attendees to toss plastic trash into the appropriate receptacle. Layshock then sorted the plastics according to their chemical composition, resulting in a large pile of trash, small pile of recycling and one lone compostable strip of cardboard. PHOTO BY KELLY BRANNON

Training program promotes physician assistant recruitment

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – Deemed as an underserved area for health care, Humboldt is also one of only four counties in the state that has a recruiter for a major university’s primary care associate’s degree program.

Local physician recruitment is an issue explored during a presentation by Chantal Lobue at the Feb. 23 Board of Supervisors meeting. Lobue, who works in McKinleyville as a nurse-practitioner and physician assistant (PA), is also a Humboldt County liaison to a physician’s assistant training program offered by the Stanford University School of Medicine.

Lobue said the program’s mission is to train PAs for clinical work and primary

care in medically-underserved communities like Humboldt. A goal of the program is to recruit students from underserved areas, which often results in job placement within those areas.

Lobue’s work as a community liaison is funded by a state grant.

Humboldt residents who seek entry into the training program have specific advantages. “The idea is to get more health care personnel into these medically underserved areas, which we fall into very nicely,” she said. “When you’re applying to Stanford, if you’re from Humboldt County, you get a little extra step up above someone else who might have the same criteria as you but is not in an underserved area.”

The program includes six months of education at Stanford followed by 14 months of full-time local clinical work. Lobue said she now has two students working locally, and the program aims to encourage continuation of local work after the program ends.

Supervisor Estelle Fennell said the program is “a good fit” for the county’s outlying areas. Lobue emphasized that PA work is considered to be a top-ranking career with a starting salary level of \$100,000 a year.

She told supervisors that Humboldt is one of the few counties in the state that have a liaison for the program. “There’s really only four underserved communities that have my job here, which really makes a difference in getting people there and getting them ready,” Lobue continued. “It really enhances the recruitment from this area.”

For more information on the PA program, visit pcap.stanford.edu.

❖ REDWOOD BOWL

HSU to begin track repair, replacement

HUMBOLDT STATE
HUMBOLDT STATE – Access to Humboldt State University’s track in Redwood Bowl will be reduced as interim repairs are carried out and a replacement process gets underway.

The track surface in Redwood Bowl has been experiencing increasing maintenance and repair issues. While these types of issues have been frequent in recent years, this winter has been particularly hard on the track surface, which has outlived its useful life and now requires replacement.

Replacing the track begins with the campus developing a replacement plan and permitting the design. Then, the project must undergo a competitive bidding process. The design work is set to begin prior to the end of the semester. However, due to the amount of time this phase takes along with the required amount of time for construction, the work will not be completed by the summer 2016 construction season.

In the meantime, interim repairs will be made to the track to extend its life by one year. The track’s condition is constantly changing depending upon usage and weather. As a result, more restrictive use guidelines or temporary closures may be necessary to carry out repairs required to ensure the facility remains useable and safe.

The track will remain open to the campus, HSU Intercollegiate Athletics and the community, but with the closure of lanes 1-3, which are the most heavily damaged. This will affect the campus and local community in various ways, including:

- General university use: In general, use will be restricted to lanes 4, 5 and 6. HSU Grounds Crew will set up barricades restricting access to lanes 1, 2 and 3 as these are the lanes in the worst condition. Facilities Management will regularly inspect conditions and correct any barricade placement as needed.
- HSU Athletics Use: Intercollegiate Athletics teams will have use of lanes 1, 2 and 3 one day per week.
- Use by Arcata High School: AHS will have access to lanes 4, 5 and 6. In addition, track practice will occur two days per week (Mondays and Thursdays beginning this week) through the end of the high school track season.
- Use by the general public: Members of the public will continue to have access to Redwood Bowl and the track, however, use will be restricted to lanes 4 through 6 as noted above.

Please send questions or comments to Traci Ferdolage at traci.ferdolage@humboldt.edu or (707) 826-3646.

County fields new Z requests

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HUMBOLDT – The county has received close to \$14 million in applications for Measure Z sales tax funding, with the largest requests coming from its Sheriff’s Office, Department of Public Works and the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association.

The deadline for submitting applications was Feb. 19, and 43 of them came in. Private and public agencies are making their cases for Measure Z funding that will be approved for the 2016 to 2017 fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

Collection of the five-year, half-cent Measure Z public safety sales tax went into effect April 1; it is expected to generate \$9.4 million by the end of its first year.

The most substantial request for the upcoming fiscal year is from the agency most closely-associated with on-the-street public safety – the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office.

The office is requesting continuation of its current Measure Z allotment of \$3.15 million for 30 new staff positions. The request seeks another \$1.9 million for four more deputy sheriffs, a correctional facility lieutenant, a community services officer, an animal control officer and a rescue/recovery vehicle.

The county’s Department of Public Works is seeking \$2.5 million for road resurfacing, which is described in the application as a means of “reducing response time for law enforcement, fire protection and emergency services.”

The Humboldt County Fire Chiefs’ Association is asking for \$2.2 million – the same amount it was awarded for the current fiscal year – to purchase “the minimum level of safety equipment needed to equip volunteer firefighters,” plus continuation of support for payment of dispatch fees and support of a “formal planning effort to address the mismatch between fire-related district boundaries and where the fire service provides emergency response on a regular basis.”

The County Administrative Office is seeking \$1 million to help solve a persistent and vexing problem – the county’s ever-ballooning debt on its California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) cost obligations.

Measure Z has succeeded in allowing increased staff levels in various law enforcement-related county offices and according to an application from the county Public Defender’s Office, the office is now “unable to provide competent representation to indigent persons facing involuntary deprivation of liberty or other fundamental rights.”

The office is seeking \$629,722 in funding to hire additional staff. The Measure Z sales tax increase is applied in cities as well as the county unincorporated area, and various cities have advanced funding requests.

The City of Arcata is requesting \$223,257 in partnership with the county Sheriff’s Office for two full-time student resource officers and two juvenile probation diversion positions to “identify and serve at-risk students and families starting as early as grades four and five.”

The new staffers would be stationed at the Arcata and McKinleyville high schools to “focus on crimes and other antisocial behaviors committed by juveniles in the north county and through that focus deter additional behaviors.”

The City of Eureka’s Police Department is asking for a renewal of funding for a Mobile Intervention Services Team (MIST) to assist homeless people. The request is for \$459,140.

In a package of requests, the nonprofit Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA) group is asking for \$55,000 to develop and operate a “safe, legal, transitional safe parking program” for homeless people living in their vehicles. Multiple sites – “at least three in the first year” – will serve at least 30 people.

AHHA also requests \$55,548 for a Sanctuary Camp and \$65,933 for a Tiny House Village. In its applications, the group acknowledges that the City of Eureka and the county are jointly considering a plan that emphasizes a “housing first” approach and AHHA’s proposals are presented as interim shelter solutions.

Alcohol and Drug Care Services Inc. is requesting \$575,000 to buy and remodel a former nursing care facility just outside Eureka city limits as a headquarters for the council’s detox and residential drug treatment services.

Other Measure Z requests include one from the Humboldt County Auditor-Controller’s Office for \$48,940 to cover payroll staff, as “the increase of approximately 50 to 65 new positions through Measure Z funds adds strain to a division that is already operating on a reduced staffing level.”

Another request from the County Administrative Office is for \$252,855 to establish Route 299 corridor firefighting services through establishment of new contracts.

The county’s Facilities Management Office is requesting \$300,000 for improvements to the Arcata Veterans Building that would bring the facility in compliance with health, safety and fire regulations.

A Measure Z Citizens’ Advisory Committee will begin evaluating the new applications at a meeting on March 10.



MACK TOWN MIXER The team from Tri Counties Bank was the host for the February McKinleyville Chamber mixer last Thursday evening. The business community turned out for some great networking, food and friends. Bret Shuler Fine Catering provided the food. McKinleyville's next event is its annual Member's Choice Awards dinner and auction that will be held on Friday, April 1 at the Blue Lake Casino's Sapphire Palace. Tickets are \$55 per seat and include dinner and entertainment. You can reserve your spot today by calling Heather at the chamber office at (707) 839-2449.

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Does Arcata need Uber taxi service?

Patrick Evans
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – Arcata councilmember Susan Ornelas hopes for-profit ridesharing companies like Uber may fill gaps in local transportation services.

During an Arcata City Council meeting last year, council members dismissed a suggestion from Ornelas that the city look into attracting a for-profit rideshare company like Uber or Lyft to Arcata.

“They decided it wasn’t important,” Ornelas said.

Ornelas wasn’t discouraged by her fellow councilmembers’ lack of interest, and in a city council meeting in February asked the Economic Development Committee to pick up the idea. The Economic Committee has in turn handed the discussion off to the Arcata Transportation Safety Committee to determine if for-profit ridesharing is in the city’s interest.

Ornelas said that Uber could fill a gap in transportation needs in Arcata by providing short rides to the bus station or the airport.

“I’m convinced that it makes sense. Particularly because HSU is bringing kids from LA, I thought they might be used to it,” she said.

Ornelas said Uber could also make roads safer by discouraging drunk drivers.

“It encourages the nightlife without drinking and driving. You could travel easily between restaurants and bars in Eureka and Arcata,” Ornelas said.

Even if the city decides to move forward with the idea, Uber and other rideshare companies may have little interest in moving into small towns like Arcata.

Rural areas in particular may not provide the customer base services like Uber need to survive, according to Professor Donald N. Anderson of the University of Arizona. Anderson has researched the ecological efficiency of ride-sharing services and released several papers examining the social effects of taxis and for-profit ride-sharing services.

“Uber needs a critical mass of drivers waiting for calls to make their service work, and a critical mass of customers to make those drivers interested in working,” Anderson said.

The main deterrent to Uber or Lyft setting up in a rural area like Arcata is the unpaid driving time between picking up passengers or dropping passengers off in remote locations and returning to the city. Drivers need enough rides to offset the costs of unpaid driving.

“Obviously, the more spread out the population is, the bigger a problem this is,” Anderson said.

He said ride share companies are more likely to move into areas with busy cab services and a large population of riders.

Arcata currently has two dedicated cab services, Plaza Cab and the newly opened Cab Louie. Between the two businesses, there are only two to three taxis available most days.

Cab Louie owner Louis Ochoa has driven for about eight years in Humboldt, four with Plaza Cab. Ochoa set out to start his own taxi service in September 2015 after the birth of his second child.

“It’s a scary thing having kids, I had to step up my game. I haven’t done anything as long or as well as driving here. I can do this, I know the area,” Ochoa said.

Ochoa said business was good, though a bit slow, but he has recently been able to buy a second car and hire another driver.

“With two cars, it opens things up. Some nights we have two hours straight with no rides, and then at 1 a.m. there are six calls in a row, it’s a hard line to walk,” he said.

Ochoa said that operating a taxi service in a spread out rural area is a tricky balancing act between the cover-

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– Cab Louie owner Louis Ochoa

ing gas for long trips, making sure drivers are well paid and getting to riders with a minimum wait time.

“You can’t issue a car [to your driver] and have them get one ride Friday and one ride Saturday, it doesn’t make sense,” he said.

Ochoa said Uber’s price surging practices in particular work against drivers in rural areas. Uber lowers costs during hours with low demand, and increases costs during rush hours. In Arcata, Ochoa said, there are few rides during the day and distance of rides can be lengthy, as far as Cuten for example.

Long distance drives and few rides cut income for rideshare drivers trying to balance gas and fares.

Ochoa said that the nightly bar rush was evidence of room to increase business, and he hopes to hire on more drivers.

“We still pick up most people, except for the 1 p.m. rush. During the rush, we have to turn down a lot of people,” Ochoa said.

Ochoa plans to expand Cab Louie’s hours of service and start morning runs to the California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport (ACV).

He has put credit card readers in his cabs to make it easier for riders to pay fairs, and wants to make an app for his service so that people used to rideshare services have an easier time hailing a cab.

“I think Uber is really smart, really easy, but I don’t think it’s gonna fix the problems for cabs here,” Ochoa said.

OpinionNews

55 days out, the PCT hike prep is, with your help, proceeding apace

At long last, the hike planning is nearing completion. Just in time, too, since I hit the trail in 55 short days.

So much has been happening behind the scenes. I'm simultaneously planning my itinerary, acquiring gear, managing the many donations (thank you), doing test hikes of various levels of ambition and participating in the many on-line fora for PCT hikers. That and trying to keep up with my work. It's a heady and affirming time.

The things I hear most:

• "Are you hiking alone?"

Yes and no. While I'm setting off on my own, I read that many, if not most, hikers do hook up with others of similar pace and sensibilities here and there. I'll almost never walk alone, or have to.

Also, since I've starting out at the Mexican border April 26, there will be hundreds of people behind me who are leaving in the ensuing days. Most of them are younger and probably faster than I will be, so some will be overtaking me. It's kind of good to know that if I get into some sort of situation on the trail, there will be others coming along before very long.

So I'm guessing I'll enjoy a nice mix of solitude and camaraderie.

Check the Pacific Crest trail Association's "Permits" page at pcta.org to see the Mexican Border Availability for April and May. I'm deeply embedded in "the bubble," just as I'd planned to be.

• "Have you seen/did you read *Wild*?"

Yes and no. The movie was OK, kind of Hollywoody and not super-useful for trail planning. I may or may not get to the book

before I leave.

Anyway, it doesn't have a lot to do with my approach, which involves significantly less heroin, nor did I decide to go on this hike because of *Wild*.

• "I'm really looking forward to reading your reports from the trail!"

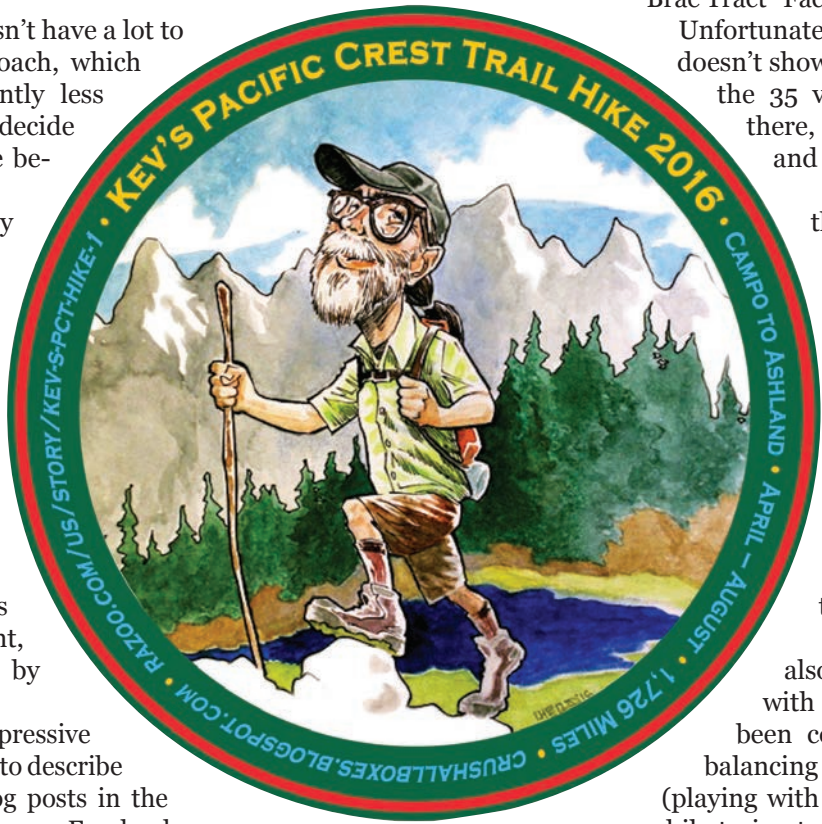
And I am looking forward to writing them. And shooting and editing them at night in my awesome Big Agnes Fly Creek UL2 tent, kindly donated by Pacific Outfitters.

Being an expressive creature, I do plan to describe the journey in blog posts in the *Mad River Union*, on Facebook, my *Crush All Boxes* blog and on YouTube. And Twitter, if I can ever get myself into the habit of using it.

In fact, January and February have been consumed with, among myriad other details and arrangements, acquiring and testing out the iPhone apps I'm going to use to transit my multimedia blurts. I learned to use a few that didn't work at all, but that's now fixed.

March is going to be about proving and polishing the media setup, doing a couple of serious test hikes and getting into the swing of life on the trail. Also, packing up the food resupply boxes and preparing them for mailing, a detailed undertaking.

The lovely Arcata Community Forest has been beckoning



while I'm fussing with the gear and itinerary spreadsheets. Now that they're 95 percent done, and I have my hiking and campfire permits, and been medically signed off to go, plus many other boxes checked, I finally got back to the woods last Saturday.

For the Sunny Brae Tract Volunteer workday, I helped Maureen McGarry of RSVP/VCOR and her assistant Patricia with transporting lunch items up to the work crews.

I took the opportunity to test out the video apps, and put together a little movie of the day, which you can see on the *Mad River Union's* YouTube page. There's a link on the "Friends of the Sunny

Brae Tract" Facebook page as well. Unfortunately, the movie doesn't show all the great work the 35 volunteers did out there, just the food prep and transport aspect.

But the main point this time was to see if it was technically possible to make and upload an annotated video episode using only my phone, and it is. Now if I could just get rid of that stupid *whooshing* sound when captions appear ...

The video test also helped me deal with something I've been concerned about – balancing data acquisition (playing with the stupid phone) while trying to be in the moment while in the wild.

This month will also be about my big sendoff event, "Trails With Teeth," that takes place Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. in the Plaza View Room.

Along with speakers from the various local trail groups and some of the charities I'm supporting (see page B6), you'll be able to personally scrutinize the contents of my PCT pack and give me wonderful advice on what and what not to take.

Take a look at my (never quite finished, always evolving) gear list and itinerary. This is what I've been spending so much time on lately. I'm extremely interested in any thoughts you may have.

Here's the shortened but still horrible URL and a QR code (use your phone) to my itinerary and imaginary schedule, which will certainly change after a day or two on the trail: goo.gl/yngd7o

And my gear list, always a highly controversial matter among long-distance hikers: goo.gl/oluo3f

I'm deeply gratified to report that as of this writing, we've raised \$2,985.95 for the sponsored charities! *Thankyouthankyouthankyou* ... And checks and pledges are still rolling in.

See below for a story on the Union Labor Health Foundation's Children's Dental Angel Fund. That I can be part of making a difference for these kids in dental pain just blows my mind. They may not even know what's happening to them; it's not their fault and help is available, if we help.

I have to again note that this project is only possible because of my generous and indulgent colleagues at the *Union*, Jack, Lauraine and Jada, who are willing to take up my slack for four months.

By the way, we still need someone to handle some of the reporting and other duties I handle. Contact Jack to be the interim me from April through August.

That's it for now. Email me with any questions, and expect more dispatches in the run-up to my departure.

Children's Dental Angel Fund offers hope for 'destroyed' mouths

Kevin L. Hoover
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – A toothache is a memorable experience, and one few would wish to repeat. But for children who lack dental care, toothaches can be chronic, and just the beginning of the pain their bad teeth will bring them.

When a child's deteriorating dental health becomes a serious medical issue, there is an option – the Union Labor Health Foundation's Children's Dental Angel Fund (CDAF). Administered by the Humboldt Area Foundation, the CDAF was created in 2001 to rescue youth ages 19 or younger with dental emergencies for whom money is all that's between them and relief.

There are a number of reasons why children wind up in dire dental straits.

One is availability of dental care, as Humboldt County suffers from a crippling dentist shortage.

"We're grossly underserved," said Dr. Robert Berg, a retired dentist who now heads up the CDAF. "All the dentists are so overworked and busy." He said some dental patients have to travel to Redding, Windsor or Laytonville for treatment.

Or maybe the family approaches dental care as one might treat a leaky roof on a sunny day – ignore the problem by foregoing regular dental care until it's an emergency.

Sometimes it's cultural, or culture shocker. "When kids relocate, coming from a different culture with different food, it seems to throw them off," Berg said.

Some cultures – not necessarily excluding the dominant one – are "big on sweets," which can leave a child's mouth "bombed out," Berg said.

All too often, well-intentioned mothers might fill a baby's bottle with "fruit juice or worse," Berg said, and put them to bed. But "natural" or otherwise, the sugary drinks quickly take their toll. "They think, 'juice, oh that's good,'" Berg said. "It doesn't take long for a mouth to be destroyed by that."

When a child's lack of preventive care creates a situation that has to be dealt with, parents without a family dentist find out quickly that getting proper care quickly from a standing start is like, well, pulling teeth.

In 2012, some 900,000 children enrolled in the Healthy Families program were transferred to Medi-Cal as part of budget deal that saved the state upwards of \$13 million. That effectively locked many low-income families out of the dentist's office, since many of Humboldt's limited pool of dentists don't accept Medi-Cal.

That's where the Children's Dental Angel Fund comes in. Created in 2001, the fund attempts to help out dentally ailing youth in situations where emergency funds are desperately needed.

"Typically, they're kids 19 years and younger that have moderate to severe problems, are low-income and can't afford to pay for their dental care," Berg said.

They don't just hand you a pile of cash and tell you to go to the dentist. In fact, you can't even apply directly. There's a process, and it begins at your new "dental home."

That's the dental care facility that takes your information, prepares your CDAF application and will perform the treatment, then – and this is key – follow up with sustained care from there on out. A case manager is assigned to help ensure continuity of care into the future.

"We consider a dental home essential, for checkups and

to develop a dental relationship," Berg said. "Without follow up and regular care, there's not much hope for long-term success."

On first contact, the participating dentist creates an itemized pre-treatment plan, which is submitted to fund managers along with the application, in order for a request to be considered.

Guidelines, listed on the CDAF website, include the allowed age range of up to 19 years old, Humboldt County residency, financial need and the existence of a genuine emergency with no other options for treatment.

The application and plan are then considered by Berg and his board, comprised of medical pros from various disciplines and community members. Only the child's first name and dental situation are known to them.

Due to funding realities, only emergencies can be considered. "We survey what services are available and depending on the nature of the case, we'll pay for treatment by a private dentist or send them to a clinic," Berg said.

The follow-through is crucial. Rescuing a child from a single dental crisis doesn't protect them from the range of enduring harms a rotten mouth can inflict on their lives.

"It makes it hard for them to eat nutritious food," said Amy Jester, ULHF program manager. "It affects their concentration in school, and there are self-conscious impacts."

The latter refers to the profound undermining of confidence a troubled mouth can bring. A child with bad teeth may have a compromised smile, and suffer social impairments that compromise self-confidence into adulthood. Dating and job interviews? Good luck with that, kid.

CDAF's budget is about \$40,000 per year, "which isn't much," noted Berg.

A typical treatment grant might be in the \$1,000 to \$1,500 range, or up to \$3,000. Travel grants to help a child get treatments out of the area might be \$200.

Thirty-nine children were provided assistance last year, mostly with root canals. Berg would love for the program to be able to expand.

"Our goal is to network with more dentists and set up a service where we're funneling patients to dentists who work with us to give comprehensive services," Berg said. This is a real need, and it's not going to be met real soon.

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OPINION



News item: After years of dysfunction and destruction, with the underground cannabis industry at odds with citizens, police, news media and environment, Arcata’s Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone promises to lead us out of darkness to a more rational, labor-friendly, tax-paying and environmentally responsible future.

The gopher chronicles

The McKinleyville Community Service District (MCSD) has declared war on gophers. The fields of the Hiller Sports Complex are a great asset for local youth involved in team sports. Gopher holes are a danger for young feet running bases or chasing fly balls. But gophers care nothing for team sports. They only live to tunnel under the places we work so hard to keep planted with nicely moved lawns.

I write as one who has had her own struggles with those wily, pug-nosed perpetrators of garden disasters. When I started my garden at the Lazy J, I was advised that gophers could be a problem. Gardeners must contend with all sorts of problems; snails, aphids, those white butterflies that turn into worms and eat your cabbage. Gardening is not for the faint of heart.

I was warned about the gophers, so I bought some fresh rabbit manure and used it as the first layer in my first bed. I had read that the smell of rabbit poo was a gopher deterrent. And it was for a brief period. I planted a nice artichoke in that bed and it was doing very well until a gopher overcame its fear of rabbits and ate it.

I was advised to get some hardware cloth, which isn’t cloth at all, but metal mesh

with holes too small for a gopher to get through. I put it under my beds, thinking I had an impenetrable barrier to protect my kale and garlic.

Much to my surprise and consternation, the gopher started tunneling around my beds. They made tunnel entrances next to the beds and simply climbed out of them and went tunneling in the beds anyway. In a fit of rage I slammed the rake down on one of them, but he was too fast for me.

I went to the dollar store and bought some plastic whirligigs. I had been told that thumping sometimes drove them away. The whirligigs had no effect.

I went so far as to spend good money on a battery-operated device that sent out a signal guaranteed to drive gophers away. It didn’t. In fact there are more of them than ever.

I like the MCSD idea of building an underground barrier. If it works, I may give it a try. But I wonder: where are all the gopher snakes? Let nature take its course.

Mary Ella Anderson is trying to develop an attitude of peace and co-existence with the gophers and has given up the use of rakes as weapons.



You’re doing it wrong, so here’s some advice

Use bike lights at night

A bicyclist suddenly loomed out of the dark without a light while I was driving recently. It was an unnerving experience.

I often encounter unlit cyclists at night and I’m afraid it’s only a matter of time before there could be a tragic collision.

When I ride my own bicycle at night, I use one rear blinker and two front lights: one that flashes so I will be easily seen and one bright light to illuminate the road.

I appeal to all bicyclists to be sure your bicycle is equipped with a light at night so you can be seen by motorists. And, it’s the law.

Carman Gentile
Member, Humboldt Bay Bicycle
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Arcata

Not handicapped, disabled... or is that differently abled?

I would like to commend the City of Arcata for the proposed access improvements at the southeast corner of Eighth and H streets (Jacoby’s Storehouse) and various areas throughout the city.

Compared to other cities and agencies, the City of Arcata is in the forefront when it comes to improving access for the disabled.

The only comment I have is that in discussing programs and improvements for the disabled, the term “handicapped” continues to be used.

People with disabilities are not handicapped, but there are barriers that make it difficult, if not impossible to access activities and share their knowledge and talents with the community.

The word “handicapped” cannot be found in any regulation or guidelines used in designing access to buildings and sites.

So in the future, I hope when discussing access issues, the term “disabled” is used instead of “handicapped.”

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville

LETTERS

Protected status for polio, anyone?

Mary Ella Anderson’s column about mountain lions killing pets (*Union*, Feb. 24) was chilling. I am old enough to remember the campaign to amend California’s Constitution, giving mountain lions protected status.

Supporters of the amendment described how these magnificent creatures were being hunted to extinction by greedy humans. And I, like many others, bought the story.

Since that amendment passed, these apex predators have increased mightily. A few years ago one tried to eat an elderly hiker in a local state park, and now Ms. Anderson advises us that our pets are no safer than our elderly.

What fools we are for becoming the architects of our worst nightmares. What will we protect next ... the polio virus?

Jay Davis, MD
Arcata

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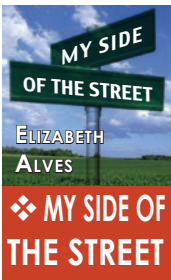
Environmental erroneusness continues to run counter to all that the late Lucille Vinyard stood for, and she wouldn’t stand for it

If Lucille Vinyard were still with us, she’d be deeply disappointed by the coup at the California Coastal Commission, which recently voted 7-5 to fire its director, the chief staff member. The vote is widely seen as a move to push the staff in a more developer-friendly direction. The commissioners who voted to oust Charles Lester tried to commit the act in secrecy, but he forced them out in the open as much as possible, demanding a public hearing.

For a full day, his supporters testified in his favor, while only a few vague remarks about his management style surfaced to justify the final vote. The debacle fired up coastal protectors, who say secret lobbying forced Lester out. Those who seek to influence the commission have to reveal very little about their funding and activities, a recipe for backroom deals that do not support the goals of the commission.

The speaker of the Assembly is proposing to change that, with a

bill which would shine more light on the subject. Registration as lobbyists and disclosure of financial support would make it clear who was seeking to sway the commissioners. Vinyard would have been strongly in favor of the proposal.



Locally, an idea is being floated to “temporarily” suspend the requirement that property along the edge of Humboldt Bay be reserved for coastal-dependent uses. According to proponents, there aren’t enough businesses interested in those uses, or enough sites outside the Coastal Zone to accommodate other firms. They want to arrange leases of five or 10 years for non-coastal dependent uses.

Plenty of people have called me a cynic, but I can see that turning into a claim of entitlement. When a suitable business comes along, there will be much moaning about how unfair it would be to not renew the lease of a company that had been there for years, improving the site and contributing to

the local economy. Just because that business should never have been there in the first place would not be considered an adequate reason to release the land to one which should be.

A strong commission staff would be more likely to recommend against such a plan. Staff frightened for their jobs might be inclined to let it slide. Commissioners who have been expensively wine and dined by paid representatives of businesses expecting to benefit from the move shouldn’t be able to duck public scrutiny.

The seven commissioners determined to get rid of Lester didn’t even bother to try to make a plausible case against him. That type of arrogance infuriates members of the public, and sometimes goads them into making intemperate remarks. Those can be used to discredit their cause.

Vinyard didn’t fall into that error. She maintained a ladylike demeanor in the face of all opposition, leaving the good old boys revealed for exactly what they were. I’m currently reading about

Justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Vinyard’s tactics were similar to the ones they used to rise above what was expected or anticipated by the men of the time.

Vinyard is often called the Founding Mother of the Sierra Club on the North Coast, and one of the people most responsible for the establishment of the Redwood National Park. She said it was mostly coincidence – that because she had access to a car and a gas card, she was able to drive visiting dignitaries to see the breathtaking resources that needed protection.

She did it in the guise of the perfect faculty wife, although she has said her husband’s career suffered for their activism. She wasn’t a tree-sitting type of person, but she was able to accomplish remarkable feats in a dignified way. I suspect both kinds of action were ultimately needed to bring us where we are today.

The California Coastal Act enshrined the right of public access to the Pacific shoreline. Property owners above the beach are legally required to allow the public to

use the area below the high tide line. It’s not always an easy right to enforce – that’s why the Coastal Commission exists.

Another element of the act is that the road closest to the sea must be open to the public. Locals can easily see that effect for themselves. Drive west on Murray Road in McKinleyville and take the last righthand turn before the end, on Sandpointe Drive.

Like dozens of people each day, drive slowly along the street, enjoying the fabulous view of the ocean. Many park for a few minutes or long enough to eat lunch. Some get out and walk along the Hammond Trail. But for the Coastal Act, they would all have been locked out by a fence and gate planned by the developer.

Vinyard was proud of her part in that fight.

Elizabeth Alves would hate to see the commission taken over by bought-and-paid-for political hacks. Comments and suggestions are welcome care of the Union or to mysidestreet@gmail.com.



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Auto camps of yesteryear

HUMBOLDT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
EUREKA – Local historian Karen Campbell Hendricks presents “Eureka Auto Camps of the Early 20th Century” at the Humboldt County Historical Society program meeting on Saturday, March 5 at 1 p.m., in the first-floor conference room of the Humboldt County Library, 1313 Third St., Eureka. Admission is free, and everyone is invited.

By 1920, with the Great War over, the Spanish Flu quarantines lifted and Henry Ford mass-producing the Model T, the new American pastime of auto camping was well underway. In this presentation, Hendricks shares the evolution of auto camping, with towns creating auto camps to attract tourism, followed by a proliferation of private enterprises springing up to accommodate these new travelers.

In Eureka, says Hendricks, the Chamber of Commerce built an auto park at Clark and Broadway, which opened on May 2, 1921 and greeted its first autos – one from Burbank, Calif. and two from Ranger, Tex. – on May 4. This elaborate auto park featured such amenities as booths for food, candy and corsages, a large privacy hedge and electric lights at night.

Private auto parks competed for attention with fire pits, picnic tables and playgrounds. Hendricks will tell about one auto camp in particular, the South Park Auto Camp at 1600 Broadway. This family-run enterprise began in 1937, with many amenities and many loyal patrons over many years.

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HONORABLE MENTION The new exhibit at Westhaven Center for the Arts (WCA), "Honorable Mention," brings together a diverse group of artists currently enrolled in the Honors Painting and Advanced Painting courses at Humboldt State. Two of the featured pieces are Jacqui Langeland's "Printemps en rose," above left, and Juan Salazar's untitled



painting, above right. "Although there are a wide range of styles and approaches on display, the artists in this exhibit share a strong common connection; they are dedicated to exploring the expressive and conceptual potential that painting offers," said Teresa Stanley, HSU professor of art. "Highly experimental and deeply individual, their work ranges from figurative to abstract, from graffiti and street art to depictions of the natural world." There will be an opening reception on Sunday, March 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at WCA, 501 South Westhaven Dr. The show runs through April 24. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

ALL FIRED UP Keep your winter fire stoked with original acts from the award-winning Dell'Arte Company at *Keep The Fires Burning: A Dell'Arte Cabaret*, for two nights only, Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake. Throw on some logs and fan your flames higher and higher as the cabaret bar serves up a bevy of cocktails to enjoy around the hearth. With something for everyone, *Keep The Fires Burning* is full of variety bound to make you laugh and take your breath away with music, dance, daring acts of delight, and the unexpected, including whatever Dell-Arte company member Zuzka Sabata, right, might conjure up. Adults only are invited to this sizzling show. Admission is \$15/\$12 for students and seniors. Tickets are not available online; call (707) 668-5663 to reserve tickets or for more information. PHOTO BY CAROL ECKSTEIN



INDY ICON Jane Siberry appears at the Arcata Playhouse on March 6. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE
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— More than 30 years after her first musical release, Toronto native Jane Siberry is renowned as one of contemporary music's most creative and innovative artists - with 11 major recordings, her own independent label and the acclaim of fans and peers alike.

been covered by numerous artists, with particular success by k.d lang. She has collaborated with Brian Eno, Peter Gabriel, Emmylou Harris, Joe Jackson, the Indigo Girls and more. Her work has often been compared to that of Kate Bush, Joni Mitchell and Laurie Anderson.

Wim Wenders included her "Calling All Angels" in the film *Until the End of*

the World, and the song has since been used in *Pay It Forward*, *Six Feet Under*, *Deadwood* and more. Her song "It Can't Rain All the Time" was featured in the 1994 cult classic film *The Crow*.

Siberry studied piano from the age of 4, predominantly teaching herself and developing her own concepts of notation and structure. She studied music at

the University of Guelph, later switching to the Sciences and earning a degree when she found freshman music courses to be stifling.

An early album went gold, establishing her as a Canadian pop star, and Siberry began to receive awards and international attention. Her unique musical vision caught the ear of Eno in 1993, and he produced tracks on her album *When I Was A Boy*.

In 1996, Siberry formed her own label, the internet-based Sheeba Records, and has released numerous albums including a live trilogy at the Bottom Line in New York; *Hush*, a collection of American and Celtic folk songs and spirituals, and *City*, collaborations with Peter Gabriel, Hector Zazou, Joe Jackson, Nigel Kennedy and others.

Her disinclination to follow fads, trends and fashions has been Siberry's signature from the earliest days of her musical career. Her unending desire to find and describe the essence of human experience has led her through numerous musical inventions in a multitude of forms, earning her the passionate loyalty of music-lovers world-wide.

Siberry released her newest effort, *Ulysses's Purse*, on Feb. 26 and is on tour in support of the recording. She will be at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St., on Sunday, March 6. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the show at 8 p.m.

Tickets \$20/\$18 for students and Playhouse members and are available at Wildberries Marketplace or, at arcataplayhouse.org or by calling (707) 822-1575.



CIRCLE ROUND Jaimal Kordes, Jared Mongeau, Cicely Ames and Soodie Whitaker in *The Body Discourse Project*. PHOTO BY PETE CASTELLANO

A discourse of diversity

THE BODY DISCOURSE PROJECT

ARCATA/BLUE LAKE – Trajectory, an arts program for adults with disabilities; Synapsis, an experimental art collective, and students from Dell'Arte International School of Physical Theatre's 2016 M.F.A. class have come together to present *The Body Discourse Project*, premiering this Sunday, March 6 with a second performance on Tuesday, March 8.

The Body Discourse Project is a performance about the physical and mental experience of the human body performed by dancers, actors, painters, poets and musicians with and without diagnosed mental and physical disabilities. The project serves as a platform for those living with disabilities to freely speak and express themselves as well as challenge how disability is defined through words, gesture and music.

After a multi-year exploration undertaken by the participating artists, the culminating piece explores themes of social and personal acceptance, equality and justice, and sexuality.

The Body Discourse Project hopes to provide a collective experience for both actors and audience in challenging and accepting the ways they look at their own body in order to create a new framework for understanding the ability/disability continuum, that our bodies and minds are always in a constant state of flux and therefore there is always something new to learn.

The performers hail from a wide variety of backgrounds, creating a colorful collage of the different languages the body is able to express. *The Body Discourse Project* is comprised of Cicely Ames, Allen Cassidy, Jaimal Kordes, Soodie Whitaker, Debbie Zeno, Leslie Castellano, Angie Valetutto, Yan Christian Collazo, Tone Haldrup Lorenzen, and Jared Mongeau.

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BLUE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BENEFIT DINNER The Board of Trustees Annual Scholarship Dinner is **today, March 2** from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Mad River Grange, 110 Hatchery Rd. in Blue Lake. All proceeds from the dinner benefit Blue Lake Elementary School graduates applying for college. If you are unable to attend, donations are appreciated to help achieve the goal of giving two \$500 scholarships this year. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad, rolls, a vegetable, drinks and a dessert of brownies and ice cream. Advance purchase tickets are available at the Blue Lake School or call (707) 668-5674 for reservations.

SCI FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT See *The Devil Bat* (1940) and other psychotronic weirdness, trailers, short films and strange giveaways **today, March 2** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. After scientist Dr. Paul Carruthers (Bela Lugosi) is cheated out of his share of cosmetics profits, he creates a giant race of bats designed to attack anyone wearing the very product he invented. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the main feature starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage. Parental guidance is suggested.

PIZZA NIGHT FUNDRAISER The McKinleyville Lions hold a Pizza Night Fundraiser at the McKinleyville Round Table Pizza, 2023 Central Ave., on **Thursday, March 3** from 4 to 9 p.m. Round Table Pizza, a long time supporter of the McKinleyville Lions Winter Express program, will donate 20 percent of the sales (excluding alcohol and coupon purchases) to the program. Proceeds support Winter Express.

WORLD DANCE PARTY The Humboldt Folk Dancers invite the public to a World Dance Party, **Friday, March 4** from 7:45 to 11 p.m. at the Redwood Raks World Dance Studio, 824 L St., in Arcata’s Creamery District. The event features an easy dance lesson and dance music played by the folk band Chubritza and other musicians. All ages and dance levels are welcome. (707) 496-6734, ckurumada@aol.com, humboldtfolkdancers.org

HARP & TANGO There are two opportunities to see the Eureka Symphony’s “New Century Greats” concert, **Friday, March 4** and **Saturday, March 5** at 8 p.m. both evenings at the Arkley Center for the Performing Arts, 412 G St., Eureka. The concert features guest artists Anna Maria Mendieta on harp and Count Glover performing live tango. Music Director Carol Jacobson will conduct pieces by Arturo Márquez, Jean Sibelius and a multi-composer tango compilation. A free Musical Notes lecture is offered at 7 p.m. each evening. Tickets are at eurekasymphony.org, by phone at (707) 845-3655, or at the door.

KEET KIDS CLUB Help your child get a head start on reading at KEET’s Kids Club **Saturday, March 5** from noon to 2 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka. Each family receives a free copy of this month’s featured book, *It’s Okay to Make Mistakes* by Todd Parr. This monthly workshop includes PBS Kid’s programming, story time, tours of current art exhibitions and art activities designed for families and children ages 2 to 8 and takes place in the Youth Classroom at the museum on the first Saturday of every month. KEET’s Kids Club is made possible by a partnership between KEET-TV’s Ready-To-Learn Program and the Morris Graves Museum of Art. Sponsored by First 5 Humboldt and Eureka Pediatrics.

GOOD COMPANY performs live at the Morris Graves Museum of Art, 636 F St., Eureka, for Arts Alive! on **Friday, March 5** from 6 to 9 p.m. Good Company is a Celtic band that performs rollicking reels and toe-tapping tunes to Irish airs and ballads. This group brings together Ann

Marie Woolley, Sam McNeill, Bob Stockwell and Janet Finney-Krull to perform their original arrangements as singers and multi-instrumentalists on violins, flutes, pennywhistles, mandolin, cello, guitars, recorders, accordions, dumbek and bodhran (Irish hand-held drum).

SOROPTIMIST 22ND ANNUAL TEA Soroptimist International of Arcata holds its 22nd annual scholarship tea on **Saturday, March 5** at St. Mary’s Leavey Hall, 1690 Janes Rd. in Arcata. This event is a fundraiser for the Cynthia Schwenson Scholarship Fund. Proceeds will be used for scholarships for local students. The afternoon event will feature a cake auction, raffle items and a silent auction. Members sponsor individually themed tables and entertain guests with tea, appetizers, desserts and other surprises. Tickets are \$20 and the community is welcome. Advance reservations must be made by March 1 with Elena David at (707) 822-3579.

BARN DANCE Six Rivers Montessori presents a Barn Dance **Saturday, March 5** at 7 p.m. at the Arcata Vets Hall, 1425 J St. The event features music by The Striped Pig Band, caller Lyndsey Battle, a bake sale, local beer and cider. All dances will be called, and no experience is necessary. Admission is \$10/free for kids; get your tickets at the door. Proceeds benefit Six Rivers Montessori. sixriversmontessori.org

DHARMA TALK The public is invited to a Dharma Talk offered by resident teacher Soto Zen Priest Eugene Bush on **Sunday, March 6** at 9:20 a.m. at Trillium Dance Studio, 855 Eighth St., Arcata. Fugan Eugene Bush, D.D. began formal practice in 1982 and received Dharma transmission from Katherine Thanas in 2010. For many years, he served as the Administrator of the Santa Cruz Zen Center. The talk is free. Meditation begins at 8 a.m. (707) 826-1701, arcata-zengroup.org

CORNERED BEEF & CABBAGE Humboldt Swiss Club celebrates St. Patrick’s Day on **Sunday, March 6** with the finest corned beef and cabbage dinner this side of County Cork. Dinner will be served from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Tables will be cleared from the room for dancing by 2:05 p.m. and dancers will be poised to swing out the moment Lindy Mantova strikes up the band – and yes, they do the “Chicken Dance.” Admission for dinner and dancing is \$14/\$5 for children 6-12; for dancing only, \$5. Membership is not a requirement to attend, so bring your friends and family to this kid-friendly event at 5403 Tompkins Hill Road (Exit #696 south of College of the Redwoods). (707) 725-5595

McK LAND TRUST DINNER The McKinleyville Land Trust holds its 15th annual dinner and fundraiser at Azalea Hall in McKinleyville on **Sunday, March 6**, with doors opening at 5 p.m. Tiana Williams and Chris West, biologists with the Yurok Tribe, present “The Return of Pre-Go-Neesh - Efforts to Restore the California Condor to the North Coast.” Once widespread in the Pacific Northwest and the northern California coast, the last wild condor to fly over Humboldt County was killed near Kneeland in the early 1900s. The successful return of this species to the North Coast would be a significant cultural and ecological achievement. A silent auction, raffle, and brief update on McKinleyville Land Trust’s activities will also be included. No-host wine and beer bar starts at 5 p.m. Dinner featuring chicken cacciatore or baked eggplant, fresh mixed green salad and other tasty dishes will be served at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$30/\$25 for students and seniors/\$15 for kids 12 and under, and free for small children. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 839-LAND. mlandtrust.org

REINCARNATION AND PAST LIVES Déjà vu, reincarnation and past-life therapy will be explored at Lifetree Café on **Sunday, March 6** at 7 p.m. The program, titled “Reincarnation: Have You Been Here Before?” features filmed interviews with people describing past life experiences as well as religion experts who share views about the afterlife. Lifetree participants are encouraged to bring samples from their own collections. There will be time to show those samples to other participants. Lifetree Café is located at Campbell Creek Connexion on the corner of Union and 13th streets, Arcata.



OCEANS & DREAMS Artist Lee Mothes is returning to Arcata during a West Coast tour featuring his ocean-inspired drawings and paintings. Mothes’ paintings will fill the hallway that leads to Libation, Willow & Rags, Salt and Arcata Main Street at 761 Eighth St. on **Saturday, March 5**, during the Farmers’ Market, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A second show will be at The Sanctuary, 1301 J St. in Arcata on **Sunday, March 6** from 5 to 8 p.m. with refreshments and a chance to learn more about Mothes’ artwork. Lee Mothes works in watercolor, acrylic on canvas, and graphite pencil to create ocean-inspired works of art. He grew up in California, including a year on the outskirts of Arcata. He returns regularly to the coast from his current home in Wisconsin to watch the surf, get new ideas, and show his work. On this trip he brought several of his newest pieces. oceansand-dreams.com, facebook.com/Oceans.and.Dreams

Discourse | Two performances

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experiences. The group’s belief is that life is richer when diverse voices are engaged; this performance aims at changing people’s definition of the word “disability” and developing the social landscape.

The Body Discourse Project premieres at Redwood Raks World Dance Studio at 824 L St. in Arcata’s Creamery District on Sunday, March 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 or pay-what-you-can. A second performance takes place Tuesday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at Dell’Arte’s Carlo Theatre, 131 H St. in Blue Lake. Tickets for the Carlo Theatre performance are free.

Tickets available at the door or by calling (707) 407-6094. The performance is suitable for ages 13 and over.

(707) 672-2919, bobdipert@hotmail.com, lifetreecafe.com

CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY The Humboldt Chapter of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom invites the public to this fifth annual celebration of IWD featuring the community sing-along, appetizers, a silent auction, friendship and fun, with tabling by groups supporting women and girls. Jan Bramlett and Friends lead the singalong **Tuesday, March 8** from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. in the Creamery District of Arcata. Admission is free, though donations are gladly accepted.

CALENDAR	VENUE	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2	THURSDAY, MARCH 3	FRIDAY, MARCH 4	SATURDAY, MARCH 5	SUNDAY, MARCH 6	MONDAY, MARCH 7	TUESDAY, MARCH 8
	Arcata Theatre Lounge 1036 G St., Arcata	6 p.m. • Sci Fi Pint & Pizza Night	6:30 p.m. Ocean Night	9 p.m. • Worthy, JSun, Marjo Lak etc.		6 p.m. <i>Inside Out</i> (2015)		
	Blue Lake Casino 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake		9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard	9 p.m. • Lizzy & the Moonbeams	9 p.m. The Undercovers	9 p.m. • Karaoke w/ KJ Leonard		
	Cher-Ae Heights Casino 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad	all day Free pool	10 p.m. All In (DJ Night)	9 p.m. • Doug Fir & the 2x4s	9 p.m. 707	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/DJ Marv	8 p.m. 8-Ball Tourney	8 p.m. • Karaoke w/DJ Marv
	Humboldt Brews 856 10th St., Arcata			9 p.m. The Cave Singers	9:30 p.m. • Grate- ful Bluegrass Boys			
	The Jam 915 H St., Arcata	6:30 p.m. • Jazz 9 p.m. • Whomp				9 p.m. Sundaze	9 p.m. More Vibez	9 p.m. Comedy Night
	Libation 761 Eighth St., Arcata		7 p.m. Bryan Sackett	7 p.m. Claire Bent	7 p.m. • Baron Wolfe & Duane Isaacson			7 p.m. Buddy Reed
	Logger Bar 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake							
	Mad River Brewing Co. 101 Taylor Way, Blue Lake	6 p.m. Spindrifters	6 p.m. Blake Ritter	6 p.m. Ultra Secret	6 p.m. For Folk Sake			6 p.m. ATF Trio
	Redwood Curtain Brewery 550 South G St., Arcata		8 p.m. Holus Bolus		8 p.m. Yokels			
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POETESS OF THE PLAZA Jacqueline Suskin, who once operated her Poem Store on the Arcata Plaza, has since moved on to Hollywood – but not before saving a tract of local forest.

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MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA PLAZA – If you went to the Arcata Farmers’ Market in the last handful of years, you may have received an original poem composed just for you by the “godmother of typewriter poetry” and co-inventor of the Poem Store, Jacqueline Suskin.

From Arcata to Hollywood

Suskin spent three years in Arcata before moving to her current Los Angeles area home. Armed with an Hermes Rocket typewriter from the early 1950s, a small table and chair, a flower print sundress, boots, brightly colored nails, a small sign, a wood donation box, and her poetic wits, – honed by a more formal “degree in poetry” – Suskin solicited poems by donation. She found numerous willing participants to request poems on any subject and unleashed bursts of short poetry collected on stenographer paper.

Suskin credits an artist named Zack Houston, who according to Suskin currently lives in Arcata, with the idea. “It was his job for a long time, and he said, ‘I think you’d be really good at it,’” Suskin said in telling the story. “And then I just went out and did it with him one day at a street fair in Oakland, and it was just so incredible, and he said, ‘Whoa, I think you’re way better at this than me,’ and I said, ‘Don’t worry, I’ll never do it in your town’ and that’s when I moved to Arcata.”

She said she is “very territorial” about the project, “because it’s a niche market ... and because it’s my only job. I’ve been crafting this job for six years.”

Now living in Hollywood, Suskin spends weekends performing Poem Store at the Hollywood Farmers’ Market. She has performed her Poem Store for the Museum of Modern Art in San Francisco and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, and been featured in the *New York Times*, *LA Times* and *The Atlantic*.

Despite being territorial, Suskin’s Poem Store idea has caught on with youth across the country, from New Orleans, Seattle, New York, Austin, and even in her backyard in Los Angeles. “But they’re more performative and theatrical with it,” said Suskin, “less event based,” with styles veering more toward instant slam poetry than does Suskin’s well-crafted verse. At a recent event to which the young poets invited her, “they called me the ‘godmother of typewriter poetry’ which I really felt was awesome,” she said.

A single poem can change the world
“I think that a single poem can contrib-

Catching up with the ‘godmother of typewriter poetry’

ute to the well-being of the entire Earth,” Suskin wrote recently. “I know the effects firsthand.”

In an article she penned for the summer 2015 issue of *Yes! Magazine*, Suskin discussed how a friendship developed and then blossomed between herself and Neal Ewald, senior vice-president of timber harvester Green Diamond Resource Company.

Ewald bought a poem from Suskin on the Plaza, then asked her to write a poem to commemorate the passing of his wife, which she did with such an eloquence, as the delicate situation required. They became good friends, leading to many fruitful discussions that literally saved a forest – the McKay Tract, an old growth redwood grove near Cutten – from being harvested by Ewald’s employer.

So can a single poem change the world? Suskin is proof positive.

Advice from the Godmother of Typewriter Poetry

What does Suskin look for in a great poem? “I love a poem that offers up so many striking images that you are very sure of what this poet is offering up,” Suskin said. “And have at least a single line that strikes me so deeply that I have to put my hand on my chest and take a deep breath. The greatness of a poem can be this small moment that does that to you. ... It draws your spirit into whatever the poet is talking about.”

“I’m very much about accessibility in my own writing, so I appreciate that in others,” Suskin further explained. “You have to know who you’re writing for. If you don’t know then you won’t know how to edit your work.”

“If you’re writing just for yourself, it may not matter,” she continued, “but if you’re writing for the whole world, you have to speak in a language for everyone, and in a really accessible way. You have to try really hard and edit really heavily to do that.”

Suskin has “very simple advice: Read poetry every day and write in a journal every single day. Handwritten pages, paper and pen ... It’s like a book of your mind.”

Read more of Suskin’s work at *your-subjectyourprice.com*. The *Yes! Magazine* story referenced in this article can be found atyesmagazine.org/issues/make-it-right/one-poem-that-saved-a-forest

The Love of Books

So that we might recall what can be bound & made, What power language can conjure and how much is made on what was written. So that we keep this vital force alive in between hands, sinking into eyes, all song strung out between pages and so let loose to wander all realms, to fill us with desire for more in motion of what we can keep coming if the story is allowed to continue.

– Jacqueline Suskin

‘Cabaret for Camoapa’ supports education

Misha Feral

A CABARET FOR CAMOAPA CREAMERY DISTRICT – A *Cabaret for Camoapa* is an Arcata Sister City Project organized and produced by North Coast Preparatory Arts Academy student Misha Feral to raise scholarship money for disadvantaged youth in Arcata’s sister city, Camoapa, Nicaragua.

After hosting a student from Camoapa in the fall semester, Misha and her family stayed in Nicaragua for three weeks and worked with scholarship students there. Many of the students they met were living on \$1 a day, but were still endlessly passionate about their education. Their school spaces were small and not ideal, but these conditions did not stop them from learning.

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SISTERHOOD IS POWERFUL "It doesn't take much to support a child like her in pursuing the education she deserves," wrote Misha Feral. "Please come to my event and donate to the cause."

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Camoapa scholarship students pursue their education. It only takes \$120 to send a student to school for a year; this expense in-

cludes their books, meals and supplies. There will be donation jars at the event and anything that you can give will go to the students of our sister city.

The *Cabaret* will feature performances by the Lyndsey Battle band, local performing arts students and many of our community talents with song and dance. This promises to be good fun for all ages to come out, enjoy a great variety show and help underprivileged students pay for their education. By working together, we can do more.

The *Cabaret* is Friday, March 4 starting at at 8 p.m. at the Arcata Playhouse, 1251 Ninth St. Tickets are \$10/\$7 for students and are available at Wildberries Marketplace and at the door. *facebook.com/A-Cabaret-For-Camoapa-234112776923546/*

HSU Theatre students & faculty win top honors

HSU DEPT. OF THEATRE, FILM AND DANCE DENVER, Colo. – Humboldt State’s Department of Theatre, Film and Dance came away with several top awards at last month’s regional competition at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

Geographically the largest of the eight regional divisions for all university and college theatre departments in the U.S., Region VII – of which HSU is a part – annually brings together judges’ nominees for student actors, directors, playwrights, designers and technicians based on the students’ work in their college’s season productions. Region VII schools include Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming and Colorado.

HSU senior Heidi Voelker, who won the top award for her set design of *Los Pajaros*, will go on to represent Region VII with an all-expense paid trip to the National Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. this April.

Faculty member Derek Lane was awarded the prestigious The Horace Robinson/Jack Watson Award, which is given to a faculty member who shows dedication and support for their students above and beyond the normal duties expected of university faculty.

In addition, several HSU students received job offers for the summer in acting/musical theatre, as well as in design and

technical theatre fields. Here is the complete list of winners from HSU:

Design competition

- Region VII Scenic Design Winner/National Nominee: Heidi Voelker for *Los Pajaros*.
- Region VII Costume Design Honorable Mention: Isabella “Izzy” Ceja for the dance piece *Reverence* choreographed by HSU Dance graduate Allie Phinney.
- Allied Arts New Designer Award: Sydnee Stanton for properties design for *Los Pajaros*.

Team Honors

- Region VII Performance Award: HSU’s “Bianca” from *Kiss Me, Kate*, directed by Susan Abbey and choreographed by Sharon Butcher, with musical direction by Elisabeth Harrington.
 - Region VII Nominated Scene for *Slipping*, directed by Shea King.
 - Region VII “Improv Olympics”: HSU Theatre Arts “Jack Axes” in third place.
- Technology competition**
- U.S.I.T.T./KCACTF Region VII “Tech Olympics”: HSU Theatre Arts “Jack Axes” were champions.
 - Costume Quick Change first place: Justine Bivans, who set a new regional record!
 - Ground Plan first place: Isabella “Izzy” Ceja
 - Team Knot Tying Relay first place: HSU Theatre Arts “Jack Axes.”



Justine Bivans

FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SALE SEEKS VENDORS Vendors are wanted for an indoor sale in McKinleyville on Saturday, April 2. Tables are \$20 with a discount for youth groups. Any type of crafts and rummage; no worry about what the weather will be. This sale is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of McKinleyville; proceeds benefit the new Teen Center in McKinleyville. Contact Sue at (707) 839-3438 for information and to reserve your space.

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If a dispute arises, the outcome will be governed by how the contracts actually read, not what you thought your Realtor told you when you signed them. To avoid confusion, it is a good idea to pick up copies of the purchase agreements and closing papers ahead of time. This will allow you to read them at your leisure, without the pressure of several people waiting for you to read everything at the closing. Don't hesitate to ask questions if you don't understand something or if the language is unclear or ambiguous.

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Seaside village rocks

Ben Morehead, executive director of Trinidad Coastal Land Trust (TCLT), spends much of his time in the beautiful new Simmons Gallery-TCLT office now, developing interpretive programs for the many coastal properties over which the TCLT holds stewardship and performing administrative duties required for overseeing the easements and access ways and the Trinidad Art Gallery owned by the trust, whose responsibilities have burgeoned since it was formed in 1978.

The common grounds around the library, TCLT office and museum gardens grow increasingly more attractive thanks to the city public works crew and the museum garden volunteers.

The latest improvements include monumental rocks donated by Mercer Fraser, placed last week by Malcolm Barker and Chris Canavari with Justin Zabel's coordination.

Ben Morehead and Charles Netzow joined in work day. The largest Donor Rock will feature names of community donors to the TCLT construction project.

With these new landscape enhancements in place and plants and trees beginning to bloom, it's a good time to stroll around the entire three acres owned by TCLT.

While you're strolling, admire the bronze "Grey Whale and Calf" at the Main Street entrance to the land. Sculptor Connie Butler, Jacques Beaupre and Scott Baker volunteered their Saturday morning last week to wash and polish the landmark.

Foreign exchange students visit the Civic Club
AFS foreign exchange students will be guests of the Trinidad Civic Club on Thursday, March 3 at a potluck to which Tyler Vack's class at Trinidad School also are invited.

It is a popular event for the seventh and eighth graders to ask questions of the AFS students about their home countries, customs, cultures and academic comparisons.

Abby Proulx will introduce the students. Penne O'Gara, Dana Hope and Wadi Torres will host and Donna Haddock and Liz Thatcher preside at the meeting, which begins at 10 a.m. for business and 11 a.m. for the AFS Potluck.

Call Penne O'Gara, (707) 677-3840, for details about the program.

Live music at the Lighthouse Grill
Each Sunday in March from 5 to 7 p.m., you can listen to some of your favorite local musicians at the Lighthouse Grill in Saunders Plaza. The artist on March 6 will be a surprise.

Dee Hemingway and Eric Hann will perform on March 13 followed by Tony Roach on March 20 and JD Jeffries, David Paine and Jim Bowen on March 27.

Piano Voce perform March 20
Piano Voce, featuring Nancy Correll and Annette Gurnee Hull on the Steinway grand piano and Carl McGahan



PATTI FLESCHER
TRINIDAD TIDINGS



ROCK ON Mercer Fraser workers Chris Canavari and Malcom Barker place monumental decorative rocks near the Trinidad Coastal Land Trust gallery and Trinidad Museum Native Plant Garden. The company donated the rocks and the work to place them. The large Donor Rock will include a plaque with names of people who contributed to the construction of the gallery-of-fice behind Trinidad Library. PHOTO COURTESY BEN MOREHEAD

and Richard Duning narrating stories, will perform on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall.

The romantic music grounded in folklore and history will include works by Dvorak, Debussy, Vaughn-Williams and Kurt Weill.

It's a Trinidad Library benefit. Admission is a \$15 suggested donation.

Helping our neighbors
One of our extraordinarily talented and generous families, Bea Stanley and Greg Wellish, who reside on Patrick's Point Drive, need a little extra love and support.

Greg, very ill, was airlifted to Sacramento recently and is not well enough to return yet. The air transport, medical bills, and care facility invoices are astronomical.

You could help by purchasing Bea's artwork, some of which is on view at Strawberry Rock Gallery now, or by making an appointment to view her work at her home studio.

It is a little unusual in this age of email and Facebook, but Bea does not use these conveniences. You can contact her the old fashioned way by writing to P.O. Box 979, Trinidad, CA, 95570 and she'll answer promptly. If you cannot help with an art purchase or donation, Greg would love to read a "get well and come home" greeting.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD Boy Scout Troop 99 of McKinleyville will be Scouting for Food on **Saturday, March 5**. Scouting for Food is a yearly food collection drive performed by Scouts across the nation. Troop 99 will be in uniform knocking on doors and collecting canned goods in the area of Bates Road/Fernwood Drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All food collected goes to those in need in the local area.

TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP The Trinidad Civic Club announces its annual \$1,000 scholarship for a graduating high school senior who wants to attend a trade school. The club also gives an annual academic scholarship but added the trade school scholarship last year to honor students who want to study for such careers as airplane mechanic, cosmetologist or veterinary assistant. Students must reside between McKinleyville and Orick to qualify. Deadline is March 16; obtain an application by emailing mc@cargillengineering.com. (707) 845-6940



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Bat-eared black beauties

Is it true that black dogs have a harder time being adopted from shelters? Could be. Of the 20 dogs available from the shelter at this writing, nine are basically black dogs with a highlight or two of white or brown.

Some people have speculated that it is just harder to see facial details in the lower light of a kennel and so those dogs don't appear as cute as their neighbors. Our volunteers would tell you that out in the sunshine, these dogs are every bit as cute as the rest. Come in and see for yourself!

One of our longer residents is Sasha, an adorable little 3-year-old Pit Bull Terrier mix with a black coat and a white blaze on her chest. Little Sasha is short and sturdy, weighing in at about 50 pounds. She has a pair of bat ears on her that would bring a smile to anyone's face!

Sasha would love to have her own person to cuddle. She knows sit and down and likes a good belly rub. We tested Sasha with one of our feistier cats and she was not very interested in him at all. Sasha likes a good walk and a chance to sniff out all the recent smells in her neighborhood.

Sasha would do well as a single dog or with a doggie companion. She is housebroken and able to be quite calm in her kennel. This little dog has been at the shelter since November and is ready for her chance at a forever home. Sasha is spayed, microchipped and current on her vaccinations.

Another wonderful dog at the shelter is our boy Dodger. Dodger is about 1 year old and appears to be some sort of shepherd or cow dog mix. He is a nice, medium sized dog.

Dodger had the chance recently to go to the Hiller Park dog park and he loved meeting all the dogs there! Even though he was on a leash and everyone else was loose, he had a wonderful time and showed very good dog introduction skills. This is a very dog-friendly, gentle dog. Dodger would make a wonderful addition to a family; I would expect him to be perfect with children. He has very nice manners and just wants to be loved.

This black dog has some beautiful brindle and white markings, though they are hard to see in a quick pass-by of his kennel; yet another dog that really shines once he is taken outside of the kennel for a meet and greet. Dodger is neutered, microchipped and current on vaccinations.

Sasha and Dodger and their seven other black dog friends can all be seen at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, just west of the airport. More info is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals has been busy, busy lately. We have been trying to keep the numbers down at the shelter by showing dogs for adoption, working with the more skittish dogs to help them become more adoptable, and arranging for foster homes for ones that need more work.

Last Wednesday, we were able to get out and vaccinate 12 homeless puppies and dogs with the basic vaccines. We know that this helps everyone when all dogs are immunized and kept healthy.

For more info about Redwood Pals Rescue, or to find out about fostering, or to offer other assistance, please email us at redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com.

NEW SUNRISER The Rotary Club of Arcata Sunrise is pleased to announce its newest member: Deborah (Deb) Engs, center, with Tomas Chavez and Terri Clark. Although Engs is a new Sunriser, she is an experienced Rotarian. She was a member of the Rotary Club of Redding East from November 2009 until her recent relocation to Humboldt County. She grew up and spent the majority of her adult life in Colorado Springs before moving to Redding in 2008. She is now a manager in the Child and Family Division of the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services. PHOTO COURTESY JULIE VAISSADE-ELCOCK

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OBITUARIES

Keith Conn Bowman



In loving memory of Keith Conn Bowman, 79. Born May 13, 1936 in Bandon, Ore. to Nolan and Josephine Bowman, he was the third of five children. He went to be with the Lord on Feb. 10 in Eureka.

Keith loved fishing on his commercial boats, hunting and being in the woods. He ran track and played football in school. Picking greens and brush for the local floral business was a staple work for him because he could sing to everything in the great outdoors.

He helped so many people, it's too many to count. No one was a stranger to Keith; he would either sing his original songs or talk about cars and trucks.

He was in the Honor Guard for Eisenhower and was sent to Vietnam. The President attended all of Keith's boxing bouts. Keith taught judo and sang with

Sam Cooke at Fort Myers, Va. Keith worked in the mills and even sold insurance for a short time. He would argue politics with anyone and felt like he was one of the last hillbillies.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Lola Moore, brother Stan. He is survived by his beloved wife Virginia, his brother Dick from Grants Pass, Ore.; Joe and Kathleen from Tacoma, Wash.; daughter Brenda Stewart from McKinleyville; son Gary Keith Bowman from Redding, and his grandkids, Andrew Stewart, Zach, Melody and Rachel Swanson. A memorial was held at the Arcata Presbyterian Church.

Joann Branco



Joann Branco, wife of Dave Branco for 41 years and a cherished member of our community, passed this week with her husband and children by her side.

Joann, the quiet, reserved one in the family, was nonetheless always ready with a wave, a hello or a cookie for neighborhood kids. As the circle of her later years became smaller, those who joined her felt privileged.

Joann was born and spent her youth in Grun- dy, Va. Moving to Cali- fornia in 1965, she met her husband and they

married in 1975. She provided in-home health care services until she retired after 25 years. It was a job she loved, but she was glad to leave it.

She is survived by her husband Dave Bran-

co; her children Foster Rife, Cindy Holloway of McKinleyville; grand- son David Hinman of Tacoma, Wash.; daugh- ter Jackie Grippin, and granddaughter Jessica Grippin of New Mexico.

Sitting outside on sunny afternoons, teas- ing her rambunctious 5-year-old neighbor, tol- erating a big frisky dog, she enjoyed sharing a wry political comment or two in her soft south- ern accent. She was a sweet gentle woman and part of our neighbor- hood heritage.

Joann is missed by all who knew her.

FINDING YOUR IDEAL BOARD MEMBERS The North- ern California Association of Nonprofits invites the public to March's Board Leadership Roundtable with Byrd Lochtie. This event, which is geared toward board members and those who work with them, is on **Mon- day, March 7** from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Humboldt Area Foundation, 363 Indianola Rd. in Bayside. This month's topic is "Finding Your Ideal Board Members." Learn how to find the dedicated people who can most effectively serve the needs of *your* organization. The event will look at how your board can represent the communities you serve and how you can keep those board members involved and passionate about your nonprofit. Admission is \$20/\$10 for NorCAN mem- bers. (707) 442-2993, norcan@hafoundation.org, northerncalifornianonprofits.org

GRIEF SUPPORT Hospice of Humboldt offers free, drop-in grief support groups every week. The Arca- ta group meets Mondays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the fourth floor confedrence room of Jacoby's Storehouse, 791 Eighth St. Eureka groups meet Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Satur- days (Slipper Club – casual drop-in session) from 9 to 10:30 a.m., all at the Hospice office, 3327 Timber Fall Court. The Fortuna group meets Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Brookdale Fortuna (Formerly Sequoia Springs), 2401 Redwood Way. (707) 267-9801, hospiceofhumboldt.org

Area youth invited to 'Find Your Voice!'

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EUREKA – "Find Your Voice!" is the theme of the 13th annual Northcoast Youth Summit (NYS), sponsored by the University of California 4H program, Friday Night Live, the Humboldt County Office of Education (HCOE) and College of the Redwoods.

Youth from seventh through 12th grade are invited to choose from over 40 workshops on topics such as "Fight Like a Girl," "Know Your Rights," "Internet Safety" and "Workforce Preparation."

Attendees will hear the voices of two keynote speakers, one of whom is Connor Callison, a Eureka High graduate who was the 2015 winner of HCOE's INNOVATE! Business Challenge.

NYS goals are increasing youth leadership development, skill building, networking and awareness of local career op- portunities.

The summit takes place Saturday, March 19 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at College of the Redwoods. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. The cost to attend is \$20/\$30 the day of event and includes breakfast snacks and lunch. Pre-registration and reimbursement options close on March 13; thereafter only substitutions can be made. Registration is now open at ucanr.edu/16nysregistration.

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LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

15-00720
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
TRILLIUM ALCHEMY
1666 27TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
KAITAN N. TRIPALDI
1666 27TH ST.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conduct- ed by: An Individual
S/KAITAN TRIPALDI, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on DEC. 22, 2015
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
210, 217, 224, 32

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00085
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
REVOLUTION BICYCLES
2811 F ST.
EUREKA, CA 95501
REVOLUTION BICY- CLES, LLC 68-0471090
1593 G STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conduct- ed by: A Limited Liability Company
S/SEAN J. TETRAULT, OWNER/PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 3, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S. CARNS DEPUTY
210, 217, 224, 32

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00095
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MCKINLEYVILLE FLORIST
2000 CENTRAL AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
HANA R. PADILLA
1749 CHARLES AVE.
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conduct- ed by: An Individual
S/HANA PADILLA, FLORIST
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 5, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
217, 224, 32, 39

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00098
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
HUMBOLDT LIGHT DEP COMPANY
1580 STEWART COURT
ARCATA, CA 95521
JAMES H. DEFENBAUGH

862 MAD RIVER ROAD

ARCATA, CA 95521
REBECCA L. HARNDON
862 MAD RIVER ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
This business is conduct- ed by: A Married Couple
S/REBECCA L. HARN- DEN, CO-OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 8, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
217, 224, 32, 39

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00051
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ENDLESS JEWELRY
ARCATA
2140 CRYSTAL WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
CELIA R. WILLSON
2140 CRYSTAL WAY
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conduct- ed by: An Individual
S/CELIA WILLSON, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 21, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
217, 224, 32, 39

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00106
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ORICK SOAP COMPANY
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
P.O. BOX 68
ORICK, CA 95555
MARNA A. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
JAMIE E. HARMELL-FABER
155 ORICK HILL LANE
ORICK, CA 95555
MICHAEL T. POWELL
1720 HUFFORD RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
JONATHAN M. FABER
155 ORICK HILL RD.
ORICK, CA 95555
This business is conducted by: A General Partnership
S/MARNA POWELL, MANAGING PARTNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 10, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
M. MORRIS DEPUTY
217, 224, 32, 39

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00111
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LA PATRIA MARISCOS

AND GRILL RESTAURANT

1718 4TH ST.
EUREKA, CA 95501
ADRIAN A. AYALA
1441 WALKER POINT RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
SICLARI AYALA
1441 WALKER POINT RD.
BAYSIDE, CA 95524
This business is conduct- ed by: A Married Couple
S/SICLARI AYALA, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 16, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
S.CARNS DEPUTY
224, 32, 39, 316

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00067
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
UMBEL FARMS
1302 ANVICK RD.
ARCATA, CA 95521
2420 TINA CT.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
LOREN J. PALMISANO
2420 TINA CT.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
WILLIAM R. HAUSER
2420 TINA CT.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conduct- ed by: A Married Couple
S/LOREN PALMISANO, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on JAN. 26, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
224, 32, 39, 316

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

16-00067
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
MOONRISE HERBS
826 G STREET
ARCATA, CA 95521
IRENE E. LEWIS
1970 COLUMBUS AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
This business is conduct- ed by: An Individual
S/IRENE E. LEWIS, OWNER
This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on FEB. 17, 2016
KELLY E. SANDERS
Z. HALMAN DEPUTY
224, 32, 39, 316

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME JESSICA ANNE DOHERTY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160109
TO ALL INTERESTED

PERSONS:
1. Petitioner JESSI- CA DOHERTY filed a petition with this court for a decree chang- ing names as follows: Present name: JESSI- CA ANNE CORCORAN AKA JESSICA ANNE DOHERTY to Proposed name JESSICA ANNE ROBERTS.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interest- ed in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person ob- jecting to the name chang- es described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: March 28, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be pub- lished at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hear- ing on the petition in the fol- lowing newspaper of gener- al circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB. 05, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
217, 224, 32, 39

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME MELINDA K. MURRISH-KEPNER
FOR MADISON ZELANICK
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
CASE NO. CV160140
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner MELINDA K. MURRISH-KEPNER filed a petition with this court for a decree chang- ing names as follows: Present name: MADISON ELIZABETH ZELANICK to Proposed name MAD- ISON ELIZABETH MUR- RISH.
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interest- ed in this matter appear before this court, located

at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person ob- jecting to the name chang- es described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
Date: April 4, 2016
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Dept.: 8
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be pub- lished at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hear- ing on the petition in the fol- lowing newspaper of gener- al circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.
Date: FEB. 19, 2016
DALE A. REINHOLTSEN
Judge of the Superior Court
32, 39, 316, 323

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF HAROLD DALE TRULL

AKA JOHN TRULL
CASE NO.: PR160048
To all heirs, beneficia- ries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interest- ed in the will or estate, or both, of: HAROLD DALE TRULL AKA JOHN TRULL.
A **Petition for Probate** has been filed by: RICH- ARD MYERS in the Su- perior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.
The Petition for Probate requests that: RICHARD MYERS be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Inde- pendent Administration of Estates Act. (This author- ity will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before tak- ing certain very important actions, however, the per- sonal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent

administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A **hearing on the peti- tion will be held in this court as follows:**
Date: March 17, 2016
Time: 2:00 PM
Dept.: 8
Address of court: Superi- or Court of California, Coun- ty of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.
If you **object** to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
If you are a **creditor** or a **contingent creditor** of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representa- tive appointed by the court within the later of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of let- ters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. **Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**
You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interest- ed in the estate, you may file with the court a formal *Request for Special Notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and ap- praisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A *Re- quest for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.
Attorney for the petitioner: TIFFANY LOPEZ
GALE & NIELSEN
2850 HARRIS STREET
EUREKA, CA 95503
(707) 269-0167
217, 224, 32

NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned in-

tends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under the California Self-Service Storage Facility Act (Bus. Prop. Code Ss 21700- 21716). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on the 8th day of MARCH 2016 at 9 a.m. Bud's Mini Storage, 1180 5th St., Arcata (cor- ner of 5th and K).
#21 Loren Millsap
#52 Loren Millsap
#82 Daniel Lewis
#84 James Terrini
#127 Patricia Young
224, 32

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR ANNUAL CONCRETE AND ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS 2015/16

The City of Arcata is soliciting an Annual bid for the repair/replacement and construction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, minor asphalt concrete roadway repairs, bus stop improvements, and other related improvements as required from time to time. Anticipated work is described in these speci- fications and shown on the improvement plans titled Concrete and Asphalt Im- provements 2015. Addi- tional work will be created during the Contract time period and will be paid at bid prices.
The WORK proposed is for the demolition of and/ or the construction of Port- land cement sidewalks, curbs, gutters, ADA curb ramps, driveways and asphalt grinding, drainage improvements, grading and paving and such ma- terials, equipment and labor incidental to perform- ing such WORK.
A **non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and optional tour will be held on Friday February 19th, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Interested parties should meet at the City Hall Council Chamber. Should contractors have specific questions, a field trip will follow**
Sealed bids will be re- ceived until the hour of **10:00 a.m. on Friday March 4th, 2016**, at which time they will be trans- ferred to the City Council Chamber where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the City En- gineer or his designated

representative. Said bids will be referred to the Arca- ta City Council for consid- eration at their next regu- larly scheduled meeting on or after **March 16th 2016**.
CONTRACTOR shall possess a Class "A" li- cense at the time this contract is bid or a combi- nation of classes required by the categories and type of work included in this contract.
This CONTRACT is subject to State contract non-discrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.
PLANS, SPECIFI- CATIONS, AND PROPOS- AL forms for bidding this PROJECT can be obtained at the office of the City Manager, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521, (contact Property and Special Projects Manager – Cliff Poulton (707) 825-2101) upon payment of a printing service charge in the following amount:
The printing service charge amount of \$50.00 shall not be refundable, plus a shipping and handling fee of \$50.00 is required for mailing of PLANS and SPECIFI- CATIONS. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Arcata and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Property and Special Projects Manager, City Manager's Office, City of Arcata, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA, 95521
The Contract Documents may be examined after February 10th , 2016, at the following locations:
• City of Arcata, City Hall, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, CA 95521;
• Humboldt Builder's Ex- change, 624 "C" Street, Eureka, CA 95501
City of Arcata, Engineer- ing Department, 525 9th Street, Arcata, 95521
The City of Arcata hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this adver- tisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.
No contractor or subcon-

tractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].
No contractor or subcon- tractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.
This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
Pursuant to Section 1733 of the Labor Code, the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of wages. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4281 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job clas- sifications. Future effective wage rates, which have been predetermined, are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file in the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft of classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determina- tions.
The above project is subject to uniform con- struction cost accounting procedures as set forth in the California Public Contracts Code, Section 22000 et seq., the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.
All bidders shall be li- censed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.
The City of Arcata re- serves the right to reject any and all bids.

Cliff Poulton,
Property and Special Projects Manager
February 4th, 2016

The Transportation Safety Committee needs someone new

CITY OF ARCATA

ARCATA – If you walk, bike, drive, skateboard or use a wheelchair or bus to get around Arcata and have ideas on how to make transportation easier and better, the Arcata Transportation Safety Committee wants you as a member.

There is one vacancy for an Arcata resident on this volunteer committee that advises the Arcata City Council and staff on all transportation matters in the city. The committee meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

The Transportation Safety Committee was involved in obtaining funding for the recently constructed Arcata Rails with Trails ADA-accessible, non-motorized use, paved trail that runs from Shay Park to just north of Samoa Boulevard.

Committee members also helped develop the Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan whose goal is to get people to walk or bicycle for one half of their trips within the city by 2020.

The city's Transactions and Use Tax Oversight Committee is also looking for a volunteer member who is knowledgeable about budgetary and fiscal processes.

Applications are available at the Arcata City Manager's Office, 736 F St., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online anytime at CityofArcata.org. Search "Committee Vacancies." For more information, call (707) 822-5953.



RAIL JAM Ten tons of snow fell (out of a truck) onto the parking lot of Pacific Outfitters Arcata last Saturday as the Humboldt State Snowjacks Ski and Snowboarding Club holds its Snowjacks Rail Jam. Participants competed for more than \$2,000 in prizes during the afternoon-long event.

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HWCC takes Birds of Prey to Redwood Playhouse

HUMBOLDT WILDLIFE CARE CENTER GARBERVILLE – North Coast residents and visitors will have the chance to get a close look at live raptors and learn more about them in a Birds of Prey presentation Saturday, March 12 at 3 p.m. at the Redwood Playhouse, 286 Sprowel Creek Rd. in Garberville.

Staff members from the Humboldt Wildlife Care Center in Arcata will bring a great horned owl, a western screech owl, a northern spotted owl and a red-tailed hawk or peregrine falcon to the presentation. They will discuss these rescued birds and describe their rehabilitation from injuries.

The center takes in more than 1,000 injured or orphaned animals each year from Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte and Northern Mendocino counties and from Southern Oregon. It releases the animals back into the wild when they have recovered.

The center also provides advice and services when wildlife becomes a nuisance to people.

Donations from \$1 to \$10 will be accepted at the door to support the Lost Coast Interpretive Association's work to build public understanding about natural life on the Lost Coast.

The presentation is part of an annual winter lecture series presented by the Bureau of Land Management King Range National Conservation Area (NCA) and the Lost Coast Interpretive Center. The interpretive association works with staff at the King Range NCA to provide educational programs to youth in schools, and through its Lost Coast Environmental Education Curriculum and Summer Adventure Camp. The organization also partners with Youth Alive!, Outdoor Adventures and Mountain to the Sea Wilderness Camp.

The King Range NCA is part of the BLM's National Conservation Lands system that protects some of the West's most spectacular natural areas.

AUDUBON MARSH TRIP Redwood Region Audubon Society sponsors a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, March 5**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Gary Friedrichsen in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

DUNES LEADER TRAINING Friends of the Dunes is seeking volunteers to lead groups of elementary students on field trips to the Humboldt Bay and coastal dunes in Manila and to the restored wetlands of Freshwater Farms Reserve. Volunteers will lead students in an exploration of coastal environments through hands-on activities, educational games, and guided inquiry. No experience is necessary; a full training

will take start on **Friday, March 4** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. To RSVP, call (707) 444-1397 or email morgan@friendsofthedunes.org.

LANPHERE DUNES TOUR Join Friends of the Dunes naturalist Lisa Hoover for a guided tour of the Lanphere Dunes Unit of the Humboldt Bay Wildlife Refuge on **Saturday, March 5** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meet at Pacific Union School at 3001 Janes Rd. in Arcata to carpool to the protected site. Reserve a spot at (707) 444-1397 or info@friendsofthedunes.org.

MEET THE PLOVERS Join Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Sunday, March 6** for the Clam Beach Snowy Plover trip. Visit snowy plovers at their wintering location

at Little River State Beach just before they start nesting. Alexa DeJoannis, (202) 288-5174, snowy plover biologist and Humboldt State wildlife graduate student, will lead this half day trip. Bring a scope if you have one. Meet at the north parking lot of Clam Beach (one mile north of North Central Ave exit on U.S. Highway 101) at 9 a.m. Participants will walk less than a kilometer north. Heavy rain or wind cancels.

FOD LEADERSHIP CHANGES Friends of the Dunes Executive Director Pete Bidigare is moving on from Friends of the Dunes, having accepted a position elsewhere. John St. Marie is the newly-elected president of the board. Outgoing President Mike Wilson remains on the board.

THE NEW SOLAR SYSTEM The HSU Natural

History Museum (NHM) hosts an evening lecture on **Tuesday, March 8** at 7 p.m. This month's lecture is "The New Solar System: A Look at Our Solar System in the Light of Our Latest Discoveries," presented by Mark Bailey. Learn about some of the latest discoveries regarding our solar system and some of the missions soon to be launched. Bailey regularly teaches OLLI classes for HSU in astronomy-related topics and spends most stary nights at the telescope observing the wonders of the universe. The NHM is located at 1242 G St. in Arcata. (707) 826-4480

GEAR DONATIONS SOUGHT Contact Friends of the Dunes to donate or consign your gently used outdoor gear for the annual Get Outside Gear Sale, **Saturday, April 9** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. friendsofthedunes.org, (707) 444-1397

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HELP Mad River Union Editor-At-Large Kevin Hoover's 2016 Pacific Crest Trail charity hike to benefit the Arcata Ridge Trail, Pacific Crest Trail Association, Union Labor Health Foundation Children's Dental Angel Fund and RSVP/VCOR.

ATTEND "Trails With Teeth" in the Plaza View Room Thursday, March 31 at 6 p.m. Meet local trail leaders and get updates on trail news, meet representatives of the sponsored charities, audit Kevin's backpacking rig and check out the silent auction (donations now being accepted).

DONATE via the coupon below.

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Clip n' send to Kev's PCT Hike, Mad River Union, 791 8th St. Ste. 8, Arcata, CA 95521

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